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VAGRANT HUMMINGBIRDS IN NEW YORK STATE: AN UPDATE

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In the fall of 2001, Shai Mitra and Michael Bochnik wrote an article on vagrant hummingbirds in New York State (Mitra and Bochnik 2002). Their article covered all known western species and several Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (*Archilochus colubris*) that were found out of their normal season. There were a total of 14 records over a twenty-one-year period since the first record of a **Rufous Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus rufus*) in 1980. One additional older record of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird was also covered. In this update, I present newer records of extralimital species and out-of-season Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in New York State. Most notable is the fact that in the eight years since the last article, there have been 33 new records of vagrant hummingbirds. Rufous Hummingbird now occurs so frequently as to be considered a regularly occurring species in the state, often with multiple birds present each fall. Do these trends reflect an increase in astute observers, an increase in hummingbird feeding stations, or simply a considerable increase in the number of western birds that are moving eastward on migration?

In view of the accelerating pace of vagrant hummingbird occurrence noted in the last article and continuing through the present time, it was almost expected that some more very special birds would show up. In due course, the state's second record of **Calliope Hummingbird** (*Stellula calliope*) came just a few months after Mitra and Bochnik's summary was published. This immature male was found by Ben Cacace at Wagner Park, New York County, on 19 Nov 02 and remained until 24 Nov. This was followed two years later by another Calliope Hummingbird at a private feeder in Larchmont, Westchester County, 4-7 Nov 04. Photos taken by the homeowner verified its identification. The summer of 2006 featured New York's first records of **Broad-billed Hummingbird** (*Cynanthus latirostris*). A bird was first seen on 24 Jun 06 at a private feeder in the town of Rose, Wayne County. The bird returned the following day and photos were obtained, confirming its identification. The bird did not return after that day. That bird or another later showed up in August at the home of Jim Ballard in Town of Owego, Tioga County. This bird remained through 27 Aug and was also photographed, confirming it to be an adult male Broad-billed Hummingbird, as in the Wayne County record.

The next spectacular hummingbird find occurred in Sullivan County. Renee Davis informed me that she had been told of a hummingbird coming to a private residence in late October. Renee had tried to see the bird on three occasions without success. She was leaving for Florida the next day so I asked if she could get me permission to try to see the bird. The following day, 29 October, I was standing in the yard of Dave and Linda Boyce in Liberty when only moments later the bird flew within just four feet of me. My initial disappointment at it not

being a *Selasphorus* hummingbird was short lived. I noticed the bird was not typical for a Ruby-throat. The color was different, as was the size. This bird was larger and more robust. I took dozens of photos over the next couple of hours and took them home to study. The most valuable resource in my research was Howell's "Hummingbirds of North America". Though I consulted other references, this book helped me clinch the identification. The bird was an immature female **Anna's Hummingbird** (*Calypte anna*)! Though the homeowners had asked me not to make the bird's presence known, I convinced them to let a few local birders see it. I then arranged for Tom Burke to come and verify my identification. Ultimately, Shai Mitra was able to come to see the bird as well. I maintained regular visits with the bird. During the week of 19 November, the bird began to act strangely. We were having exceptionally cold weather with temperatures in the low teens nightly. On the 19th the bird failed to eat properly, attempting to eat through the side of the glass feeder. This continued another day and we thought the bird would perish. On my last visit on 21 November the bird seemed improved and actually fed appropriately several times. Thanksgiving morning, 22 November, the bird was found dead under its regular perch. It was an extremely sad day. Renee Davis had some connections and arranged for the hummingbird to be donated to American Museum of Natural History in New York where its identification was further verified. It is the only specimen of an Anna's Hummingbird to come from northeastern North America.

Since 2002, there have been an amazing 17 new records of Rufous Hummingbird as well as seven records of Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird! The latter resulted from inconclusive evidence to confirm the birds as to species. There have yet to be any confirmed Allen's Hummingbirds (*Selasphorus sasin*) in New York State. Additionally, there have been four new records of Ruby-throated Hummingbird out of its normal season. See the list below for specific occurrences.

Whether the significant increase in vagrant hummingbirds is the result of climate change, increase and expansion of individual species, or more food sources (i.e., late blooming plants and feeders remaining up late in season), clearly occurrences continue to increase. A number of species have actually been recorded northeast of New York. Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*), Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*), and Allen's Hummingbird have all been confirmed in either Maine or Massachusetts. How did they get there without passing through New York? The trend also continues throughout the rest of the country as well. The Gulf and Mid-Atlantic states have all had increasing numbers of post-breeding dispersal as well as over-wintering hummingbirds. Even Mexican vagrants such as Green-breasted Mango (*Anthracothorax prevostii*) have been found as far east as Georgia. With the numbers we have experienced in only the last eight years, I'm sure that each coming year will hold exciting new finds as we continue our fascination with these smallest of birds!

RECORDS OF VAGRANT HUMMINGBIRDS 2002-2009

Broad-billed Hummingbird ***Cynanthus latirostris***
Town of Rose, Wayne (Region 2), 24-25 Jun 06, male.
Owego, Tioga (Region 4), early Aug-27 Aug 06, male, Jim Ballard's feeder.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird ***Archilochus colubris***
Farmingville, Suffolk (Region 10), 16-17 Nov 02, Joe Manzione's feeder.
Babylon, Suffolk (Region 10), 16-20 Nov 08, Ken & Sue Feustel's feeder, ph.
Orchard Park, Erie (Region 1), 7 Nov-5 Dec 08, Kathy Krodlart's feeder, female.
Fonda, Montgomery (Region 8), 14 Nov 2009, Deborah Oare's feeder.

Anna's Hummingbird ***Calypte anna***
Liberty, Sullivan (Region 9), 29 Oct - 22 Nov 07, Linda & Dave Boyce's feeder, imm. female, NYSARC 2007-56-A, specimen to AMNH.

Calliope Hummingbird ***Stellula calliope***
Wagner Park, New York (Region 10), 19-24 Nov 02, Ben Cacace *et al.*, NYSARC 2002-44-A/B.
Larchmont, Westchester (Region 9), 4-7 Nov 04, NYSARC 2004-43-A.

Rufous Hummingbird ***Selasphorus rufus***
Lenoir Nature Preserve, Westchester (Region 9), 28 Oct 02 - Dec 02.
Central Park, New York (Region 10), 10-23 Nov 02, Nick Wagerik *et al.*, ph.
Washingtonville, Orange, 31 Jul-2 Aug 03, Rick Horn *et al.*, ad male, NYSARC 2003-29-A/B, video.
Oxford, Chenango (Region 4), 4 Nov 03, Fred von Mechow, ad male, NYSARC 2003-47-A.
Orient, Suffolk (Region 10), 23 Nov - early Dec 03, Ruth Olivia's feeder, imm female.
Central Park, New York (Region 10), 30 November 04, ad female.
Fonda, Montgomery (Region 8), Nov 05, imm male.
Andes, Delaware (Region 4), 30 Sep to 6 Nov 06.
Petersburg, Renssalaer (Region 8), 17 Sep 06, Woody Gillies feeder, imm male.
Lenoir Nature Preserve, Westchester (Region 9), 23-30 Nov, Mike Bochnik *et al.*, NYSARC 2006-49-A/B.
Northport, Suffolk (Region 10), 26 Nov 06-29 Jan 07, Norm Klein *et al.*, NYSARC 2006-59-A, "Ilsa."
Houghton, Allegany (Region 1), 10-21 Oct 07, Larry Wilson's feeders, imm female, banded 17 Oct.
Houghton, Allegany (Region 1), 14-20 Oct 07, Larry Wilson's feeders, imm male, present with the above bird.
West Walworth, Wayne (Region 2), 10 Oct-1 Dec 07, Bill & Loretta Groell's feeders, ad male.
Northport, Suffolk (Region 10), 9-11 Nov 08, Norm Klein's feeder.

Clarkstown, Rockland (Region 9), 24 Sep-10 Oct 08 (two additional sightings on 26 Oct & 10 Nov 08), Beverly Simone's feeder, ad male.
Grymes Hill, Richmond (Region 10), 10 Oct-24 Dec 09, Howie Fischer's feeder, imm male.

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird ***Selasphorus rufus/sasin***
Georgica, East Hampton, Suffolk (Region 10), 23 Nov 03 into Dec.
Glenwood., Erie (Region 1), Second week of Oct through 9 Dec 05, Bob & Loraine Sherman's feeder.
Lake Delaware shore, Delhi, Delaware (Region 4), 17 Sep-21 Dec 06, Ruth Pedersen *et al.*, NYSARC 2006-34-A, ph.
Patchogue, Suffolk (Region 10), 1-6 Nov 06, James F. C. Osterlund, NYSARC 2006-43-A, ph.
Dryden, Tompkins (Region 3), Dec 06 one day.
Bronx Botanical Garden, Bronx (Region 10), 19 Sep 07.
Bronx Botanical Garden, Bronx (Region 10), 10-13 Nov 07.

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NEW LATE DATE AND FIRST DECEMBER RECORD OF YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER IN NEW YORK STATE

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Abstract—On Sunday, 6 December 2009, an *Empidonax* flycatcher was observed feeding actively in the picnic area at Zach's Bay, Jones Beach State Park, Nassau County, New York. The four observers present concluded that the bird was a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*), obtained digital photographs, and recorded detailed field notes. This observation represents a new late date and a first early winter record for the species in New York State.

On 6 December 2009, I was birding the Jones Beach strip, that portion of the Long Island barrier beach stretching from West End on Jones Inlet east to Captree State Park on Fire Island Inlet. It was a sunny, cold day with strong winds out of the northwest, a harbinger of the weather southeastern New York was going to experience for the majority of the month. My trip began at West End, where an obliging Orange-crowned Warbler was observed in the parkway median, staying still long enough to be viewed by a number of other birders. At about 10:30 AM I left West End and headed for Zach's Bay.

I walked north into the Zach's Bay picnic area about 11:00 AM, thinking that the hedgerow vegetation around the picnic grounds would provide a wind barrier from the northwest winds and a good microclimate for any late insectivorous species. I was not disappointed as the first (and only) bird I observed was an *Empidonax* flycatcher feeding up against the north hedgerow. I had mixed feelings about seeing the bird: intrigued that an Empid flycatcher was still present at such a late date, and some trepidation at attempting a potentially difficult identification.

The *Empidonax* Challenge

For my first ten years or so of active birding, I made no attempt to identify migrant, non-calling *Empidonax* flycatchers to species. Many field guide authors stressed the difficulty in identifying these birds outside of the breeding season, and the guides themselves provided little or no information on how to do so. As more information on *Empidonax* flycatchers became available, notably Whitney & Kaufman's 1985-1987 series, birders gained confidence in identifying some out of season Empid flycatchers. Kaufman (2002) cautioned that this new-found confidence was sometimes overstated, as when birders attempted to identify every Empid they saw by matching illustrations in field guides to birds in the field but failed to consider the range of variation possible within each species (*Birding* 34: 136-145). The availability of more detailed information encouraged

birders to try to identify fall *Empidonax*, but the possibility that a bird might be a western stray was, for many years, not on most birders' radar.

The earliest confirmed records of western North American *Empidonax* in the Northeast involved birds that were measured and photographed in the hand, for instance, a Gray Flycatcher collected in Massachusetts in 1969; a Hammond's Flycatcher banded in Massachusetts in 1988; and "Western" Flycatchers (= Pacific-slope/Cordilleran Flycatchers) in PA, NJ, and Long Island (Buckley and Mitra 2003). These records served to increase the number of possible species that eastern birders needed to consider, but the Empid sighting that really made Long Island birders sit up and take notice was New York State's first Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*), discovered by the late John Fritz and Doug Futuyma at Jones Beach West End on 27-28 Oct 2001 (KB 52: 2-7). This individual was cooperative, observed by many birders, and initiated extensive discussion on *Empidonax* identification.

An article in *The Kingbird* by Robert O. Paxton in 2002 (KB 52: 220-221) began with the admonition that "not all late fall *Empidonax* flycatchers are western strays" and presented three November records of Yellow-bellied Flycatchers: singles banded at Tobay Beach, Nassau County, on 2 Nov 1980, and at Gilgo Beach, Suffolk County, on 4 Nov 2001 and 12 Nov 1988. The 12 Nov 1988 record represented, until the current observation, the latest date for Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in New York State. Late fall and early winter records of *Empidonax* flycatchers from Long Island and New York City are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Selected Late Fall/Early Winter Records of *Empidonax* flycatchers from Long Island and New York City (*Kingbird* Region 10).

Species	Date	Location	Source
Yellow-bellied	2 Nov 1980	Tobay Sanctuary, Nassau	Paxton 2002
Yellow-bellied	12 Nov 1988	Gilgo Beach, Suffolk	Paxton 2002
Yellow-bellied	4 Nov 2001	Gilgo Beach, Suffolk	Paxton 2002
Least	28 Nov-14 Dec 1991	East Hampton, Suffolk	Schiff & Wollin 1992
Least	16 Dec 2001	Central Park, Manhattan	Schiff & Wollin 2002
Least	15 Dec 2007	Amagansett, Suffolk	Lindsay & Mitra 2008
Least	16-18 Nov 2008	Mt Loretto, Richmond	Mitra 2009
Hammond's	27-28 Oct 2001	Jones Beach, Nassau	Fritz & Futuyma 2002
Hammond's	19-28 Nov 2006	Rye, Westchester	Bochnik 2007
"Western"	14-16 Sep 1995	Fire Island Light, Suffolk	Buckley & Mitra 2003

Fall *Empidonax* flycatchers in southeastern New York may be under-reported. The difficulty in identification of the genus and the reality that many observations of these birds are brief, preventing observation of applicable field marks, discourages birders from reporting their sightings, even as unidentified *Empidonax*. Additionally, the number of published fall records of Yellow-bellied Flycatcher is not consistent with my field experience. I can recall this species being reported during late fall (October-November) approximately every other year in Region 10, with some reports made by experienced observers.

However, the observations may not have been accompanied by photographs or written descriptions or forwarded to birding journals. Regional Editors may have been hesitant to publish undocumented late season reports of Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in view of recent documented occurrences of "Western" Flycatcher in the East. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher is very similar in appearance to Cordilleran and Pacific Slope Flycatchers, so much so that the New York State Avian Records Committee, referencing an article by Heindel & Pyle (1999) on this subject, stated that separating the species "presents a significant identification challenge" (KB 56: 26).

Identification

Since those early years of birding I have observed all the regularly occurring North American Empids. My experience with western *Empidonax,* however, is mostly restricted to brief looks at calling birds on their breeding grounds—not particularly good experience for identifying potential out of range, late season migrants.

My first impressions of the *Empidonax* flycatcher at Zach's Bay were of a small, brightly colored, compact bird, somewhat large-headed and short-tailed. Both the upperparts and underparts were a yellowish-green, and there was no contrast in the color of the throat with the rest of the underparts. By shape and size I eliminated most eastern Empids except for Least and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. The lack of contrast in the throat, the completely orange lower mandible, and the greenish-yellow underparts eliminated Least Flycatcher. Extralimital species such as Dusky, Hammond's, and Gray Flycatchers were also eliminated by bill shape and other characters, leaving the "Western" Flycatcher complex as a remaining possibility, along with Yellow-bellied.

I had neither a bird book nor writing material with me to take notes, but I did have a camera. Fortunately, the bird was so busy feeding it largely ignored my presence. If it is true that a picture is worth a thousand words, then an observer cannot take enough pictures of an unidentified Empid. The lighting and posture of the bird can affect an observer's perceptions and a crucial field mark picked up in one photograph may not be shown in another. This bird was no exception to this phenomenon, as shown to some extent in the three photos reproduced on page 139. The upper left photo shows an eye ring that appears fairly even in width—consistent with Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—but the upper right photo shows the eye ring as having a teardrop shape—suggestive of "Western" Flycatcher. Most photographs of the bird showed a complete, narrow eye ring, and, as this was our consensus impression in the field, I concluded that the teardrop shape apparent in a few photos was the result of a relaxed posture. The weather also played a role in the bird's appearance. Although the bird's head appeared large and rounded in life (as in Yellow-bellied), the upper right photo shows an apparent crest (suggestive of "Western"). The impression in the photo arises because the bird had turned the back of its head toward the wind, causing the feathers on the nape and crown to elevate.

Additional features of the bird were its short tail, dark wings, moderate primary projection, and triangular shaped bill that was wide at the base with a

completely orange lower mandible. Primary projection in *Empidonax* Flycatchers is the distance that the longest primaries extend beyond the secondaries and tertials on a folded wing (Kaufman, 1990) and can be difficult to judge. I wrestled with this problem for some time, alternately assigning the primary projection to all three size categories (short, moderate, and long), and finally coming to the conclusion that a short primary projection was the least likely and intermediate the most likely.

Having taken a number of photos, and mentally recording the applicable identification features, it was time to call for some help. I had been birding briefly with Seth Ausubel at nearby West End and knew he was still in the area. As so often happens, the bird disappeared shortly before Seth arrived. I had placed a call to Shaibal Mitra and Patricia Lindsay, hoping to use Shai's extensive banding experience to help with the identification. As Seth and I searched for the bird Pat Lindsay called back to ask if the bird was still there. As we spoke the bird magically reappeared, and there was a brief conversation about field marks that we had observed. In my telephone conversations I had already (in retrospect, I was overconfident) stated that I thought that the bird was a "probable" Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, so the fat was in the fire. Shai and Pat arrived shortly, and fortunately the Empid did not disappear a second time.

Shai Mitra was familiar with some undocumented reports of late fall Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and was intrigued by the possibility that some of these birds may actually have referred to Least Flycatcher or "Western" Flycatcher. However, after observing the bird's spade-shaped bill, relatively large and rounded head, moderate to long primary projection, blackish wings, deeply colored throat, and very brightly green and yellow overall appearance, Shai agreed that this was bird was indeed a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.

Thoughts

Identification of migrating and late season *Empidonax* flycatchers is a daunting task for any field observer, further complicated by variation within each species. On worn Yellow-bellied Flycatchers in late summer and fall, yellow on the underparts may be barely discernible or missing completely, appearing grayish or white (Kaufman 1990). Unlike the individual under discussion, the three Yellow-bellied Flycatchers banded by Paxton in November showed little or no yellow below. The individual I observed seemed to be fairly typical (if this word can be applied to any *Empidonax* species) of the birds observed on their Adirondack breeding grounds.

Articles refining our understanding of *Empidonax* identification continue to appear in birding journals (See Rowland 2009), and the number of birders able to document their sightings with photographs is growing, ensuring that many late season Empid observations will be better documented than in the past. Vagrant western Empids in the East will inevitably generate more excitement among the birding community than will out of season examples of their eastern congeners. However, in late fall and early winter birders should be aware that both eastern and western *Empidonax* are possible.

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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

A Patagonia Rest-stop Adventure in Northern New York

On Friday 19 February 2010, I left Long Island early in the morning in search of a Northern Hawk Owl reported in Champlain, Clinton County, in the extreme northeastern corner of New York State. I arrived at the place where the owl had been reported, but no owl did I see. I traveled back and forth for several hours on the few roads in the area without any luck. Eventually I drove a few miles east to Rouses Point, where I spoke to a store owner who was interested in birds. He directed me to the bridge linking New York with Vermont; I hadn't been to Vermont in many years, so I thought, "Why not?"

Traveling over the bridge at about fifty miles an hour I noted two Great Black-backed Gulls and what I first took to be an Iceland Gull feeding on the ice north of the bridge, on the Vermont side. Next, I was distracted by cheap gas prices at the station just into Vermont—at half a tank, I couldn't refuse a deal.

A few minutes later, I returned to see the Iceland Gull. When I pulled over and stopped, I realized that I was not looking at an Iceland Gull—it was too small. "Ah!" I thought, "An all-white pigeon"—but that didn't seem right either. When I finally put up my binoculars I was astonished. "Could it be an Ivory Gull?" was my next incredulous thought. It would be a lifer for me.

Small. Much shorter than the black-backs. Stubby black legs. What else could it be? I looked at my field guide. Seemed to match. The guide showed a yellow bill-tip. "Yes! Eureka!" It was surely an Ivory Gull. There was no one else around to share my find with. What to do? I called a birding friend on Long Island and asked if he thought he should post the Ivory Gull on the New York State list. He thought not, because it was actually in Vermont, but he offered his congratulations. He had birded this same area a few days earlier and enjoyed great looks at the hawk owl. Now it was time for me to resume my search.

After another hour of futility, I headed down toward Saranac Lake where I planned to continue birding. I had never been to that corner of the State before so I just headed down Route 9 through Plattsburgh and south. Around this time I got a call from Shai Mitra. Shai had called our mutual Long Island friend in advance of his own bid for the hawk owl, and this is how he learned of my mixed luck so far. Shai quizzed me about the identification of the gull, then posted the news to the NYS listserv.

In Valcour, Route 9 runs directly alongside Lake Champlain, and here I noticed a few ducks not too far from shore. I stopped and looked through my binoculars at this small group. "No! Could it be?" I went to my trunk for my scope and set it up on my car window. "Where did it go? There it is, a Tufted Duck!" Two great birds in a few hours—but still no hawk owl. It was getting dark, and I headed for my motel, where I learned from my Long Island friend that the hawk owl was seen later in Champlain after I had left!

Despite much searching, I missed the owl on Saturday, too—but the Ivory Gull continued opposite Rouses Point, and I met many happy Vermont birders there.

On Sunday, I still couldn't find the owl. Just as I was getting ready to head for home, I got a call from my friend who said Shai was looking at the Ivory Gull—on the New York side of the lake. Upon my arrival the gull was in Shai's scope, and I was finally able to tick it as my state bird. After this, Shai, Patricia Lindsay, and I searched for the owl, once again without luck, and I headed for home.

The story of my birding adventures in northern New York ends on a completely happy note. I returned to Champlain a week later and immediately saw the Northern Hawk Owl exactly where it was supposed to be. On the way home I saw Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Pine Siskin, and heard a Black-backed Woodpecker near Bloomingdale. Sometimes it's easier to find birds when one isn't looking for them!

Pat Jones, Massapequa.

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Jamaica Bay Sanctuary Ducks: In early August, 1960, forty-eight young Redheads, five weeks old, were released at Jamaica Bay Sanctuary as part of a large-scale attempt to propagate this species which is down so in numbers.

The ducklings were released in the west pond, all having survived the trip downstate, and they jauntily swam off, glad to be restored to their natural element. The birds were brought to the sanctuary on the theory that they will return the following year to the place where they learned to fly. It is hoped that they will come back in the spring to nest. At any rate they are assured of a good food supply. The four prolific crops available are: widgeon grass, three-square, musk grass, and duck weed. To prove the value of a good available food supply together with shelter and protection, ducks nesting at Jamaica Bay sanctuary this past summer included the Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Shoveller, and Ruddy. Common Gallinules and Coots also bred. Nesting Redheads would make an attractive addition.

While on the subject of ducks, I might mention an observation among Black Ducks of their taking in cold weather a food item not usually associated with their diet. Along the west pond's sandy upper stretches grow a fair number of sturdy rose bushes. These are abundantly loaded, late in the season, with large seed pods (or hips). Occasionally the Black Ducks would climb the slopes, reach up and feed upon the lower hips until their crops were full. I have seen no other species of duck do this. —**Herbert Johnson** (as told to John J. Elliott), Jamaica Bay Bird Sanctuary, Park Department, N. Channel Bridge, Broad Channel, Queens.

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THE 110TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN NEW YORK STATE

The summaries below were edited by a team of volunteers, including many individual compilers. In cases where compilers did not prepare their own summaries, information was collected, with permission, directly from The National Audubon Society's Birdsource site (http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/), but note that the summaries accessible there are frequently deficient, particularly with respect to participants' names and effort and weather variables. We strongly encourage individual compilers to format data for their 111th CBCs and to submit the text directly to *The Kingbird*. Doing so provides an opportunity to include detailed data concerning effort and participants that are difficult or impossible to find on the website, and also allows compilers to present the most up to date documentation and details for unusual records. Please contact *The Kingbird* or a Regional Editor for a formatted template.

Researchers are advised that we made no effort to distinguish NYS observations from observations in other states or provinces for those counts spanning our state's borders. Unusual species and unusually high counts of regularly occurring species are indicated with bold font, as are compilers' names. Standard CBC abbreviations include: aq—adequate details; CW—count week; gd—good details; LC—low count; md—marginal details; nc—new to count; nd—no details; ph—photo(s); YB—young birder.

Corrigenda for the 109th CBC in NYS—*Kingbird* 59: 146; the 396 Pacific Loons listed for the Montauk CBC were Common Loons.

Albany County [NYAC]
42.50° N 73.9167° W. 20 Dec 10; 6:00 am-4:45 pm; 21°-24° F; Wind 2-15 mph; Snow cover 6"; Still water frozen; moving water partly open; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 23 in 8 parties; 4.5 hrs & 24 miles owling; Total party-hrs 60.5; party-miles 421.5; 19.5 hrs & 15.5 miles on foot; 41 hrs & 406 miles by car.

Canada Goose 1153; Gadwall 3; Am. Black Duck 58; Mallard 191; Ring-necked Duck 78; Co. Goldeneye 22; Hooded Merganser 11; Co. Merganser 104; Ruddy Duck 16; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 63; Co. Loon 1; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 10; N. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-tailed Hawk 69; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 54; Herring Gull 29; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 393; Mourning Dove 169; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 34; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 54; Hairy Woodpecker 15; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay **270**; Am. Crow 1853; Co. Raven **8**; Black-capped Chickadee 235; Tufted Titmouse 78; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6 LC; White-breasted Nuthatch 47; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 3 LC; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird **133**; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 1209; **Gray Catbird 1**; N. Mockingbird 4; **Brown Thrasher 1**; European Starling 2218; Cedar Waxwing **552**; Am. Tree Sparrow 102; **Fox Sparrow 4**; Song Sparrow 19; White-throated Sparrow 218; **White-crowned Sparrow CW**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 651; Snow Bunting 42; N. Cardinal 90; Brown-headed Cowbird 67; Purple Finch 21; House Finch 56 LC; Am. Goldfinch 127; House Sparrow 227.

Totals: 66 species; 10,861 individuals. **Participants:** Jocelyn Cole, Wally Elton, Justin Frisino, Don Gresens, Gary Goodness, Rich Guthrie, John Kent, Mary Beth Kotozsvary, **Alan Mapes (alanmapes@gmail.com)**, Tina Markopoulos, John Ozard, Patti Packer, Danika Raup, Will Raup, George Steele, Scott Stoner, Denise Hackert-Stoner, Jim Suozzo, Craig Thompson, Alison VanKeuren, Josh Van Wert, Susan Wolfe.

Beaver Meadow [NYBM]
42.68° N 78.37° W. 2 Jan 10; 0°-8° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM partly clear. Observers: 18. Total party-hrs 31.75.

Canada Goose 3; Mallard 59; Wild Turkey 62; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 15; *Buteo* sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Rock Pigeon 223; Mourning Dove 103; E. Screech-Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 18; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 54; Hairy Woodpecker 18; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 1; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 234; Am. Crow 470; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 61; Black-capped Chickadee 335; Tufted Titmouse 39; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 36; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 9; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 475; Am. Tree Sparrow 209; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 256; Snow Bunting 212; N. Cardinal 72; Brown-headed Cowbird 8; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 40; Co. Redpoll 2; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 136; House Sparrow 246.

Total: 46 species. **Participants:** Donna Barski, Chuck Bartlett, Taddy Dann, Mary Domanski, Bev Fehringer, **Paul Fehringer (fehringer@buffaloaudubon.org)**, Mike Galas, Ron Hacker, Kyle Horton, William Hudson, Brian Lewandowski, Bill Michalek, John Mitton, Tom & Sue O'Donnell, Gerry Rising, Jonathan Townsend, Mike Zebehazy.

Binghamton [NYBI]
42.1833-75.9667; 6:00 am-5:30 pm; 19-28 F; Wind 0-15 mph; Snow Cover 1-3"; Still water frozen; Moving water fast, no ice; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 39 in 17 parties; 17 Feeder Watchers; 2.5 hrs & 17 miles owling; Total party-hrs 106; Party miles 656; 4 hrs & 36 miles on foot; 62.5 hrs & 619.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose; Canada Goose; Mute Swan; Am. Black Duck; Mallard; Green-winged Teal; Hooded Merganser; Co.Merganser; Ruffed Grouse; Wild Turkey; **Red-necked Grebe 1 RBR**; Great Blue Heron; **Bald Eagle 10;** Sharp-shinned Hawk; Cooper's Hawk; N. Goshawk; Red-tailed Hawk; Rough-legged Hawk; Merlin; Peregrine Falcon; Ring-billed Gull; Herring Gull; Rock Pigeon; Mourning Dove; E. Screech Owl; Great Horned Owl; Belted Kingfisher; Red-bellied Woodpecker; Downy Woodpecker; Hairy Woodpecker; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker; Pileated Woodpecker; N. Shrike; Blue Jay; Am. Crow; Fish Crow; Co.Raven; Black-capped Chickadee; Tufted Titmouse; Red-breasted Nuthatch; White-breasted Nuthatch; Brown Creeper; Carolina Wren; Golden-crowned Kinglet; **E. Bluebird 68**; Am. Robin; N. Mockingbird; European Starling; Cedar Waxwing; Am. Tree Sparrow; Fox Sparrow; Song Sparrow; Swamp Sparrow; White-throated Sparrow; Dark-eyed Junco; Snow Bunting; N. Cardinal; E. Meadowlark CW; Co. Grackle; Brown-headed Cowbird; Purple Finch; House Finch; Pine Siskin; Am. Goldfinch; Evening Grosbeak; House Sparrow.

Totals: 66 species; 13,202 individuals. **Participants:** Richard Andrus, Eleanor Carson, Marty Cull, Mary Ann Cull, Fran Czochara, Jay Decatur, Renee DePrato, Deb Dittrich, Helen Dorber, Delores Elliott, Helen Eno, Deanna France, Sue Garing, Claire Gottschall, Bob Grajewski, Derek Green, Doanne Hartsock, Ron Hartsock, Kathleen Hill, Stephen Hill, Dylan Horvath, Paul Kalka, Sara Kinch, Barb Kirch, Eugene Kirch, **Gail Kirch compiler (gkirch@stny.rr.com)**, Sharon Krotzer, Bill Kull, Victor Lamoureux, Andrea Martin, Gloria Massey, Sydney Massey, Courtney Moore **YB,** Bob Mochring, Joanne Nichols, Don O'Brien, Sandy Olshevski, Janet Ottman, Marie Petuh, Don Quataeur, Liz Resseguie, Joe Sedlacek, Mary Anna, Will, Rachel Sedlacek **YBrs,** Tamra Sedlacek, Julian Shepherd, Rose Smith, Barry Stevens, Sue Stevens, Carol Taren, Tom Tasber, Claire Theophanis, Jan Treziak, Jon Weeks, Doris White, Matt Yoskowitz.

Bolton Landing [NYBL]
43.55° N 73.65° W; 19 Dec 09; 6°-22° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 11 observers. Total party-hrs 29.

Canada Goose 1; Mallard 287; Bufflehead 8; Co. Goldeneye 4; Hooded Merganser 22; Co. Merganser 10; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey CW; Co. Loon CW; Bald Eagle 1; Red-tailed Hawk CW; Ring-billed Gull 1; Herring Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 37; Mourning Dove 28; Downy Woodpecker 8; Hairy Woodpecker 2; Pileated Woodpecker CW; Blue Jay 86; Am. Crow 30; Co. Raven 3; Black-capped Chickadee 65; Tufted Titmouse 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 3; Brown Creeper CW; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 62; Cedar Waxwing 25; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 42; N. Cardinal 4; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 9; Pine Siskin 12; Am. Goldfinch 4.

Total: 31 species. **Participants:** Bernie Brown, Henry Caldwell, Art Franz, John Gaddy, Bill Gates, **Sarah Hoffman (shoffman@lglc.org)**, Nancy Kimball, Eric Krantz, Joan Robertson, Kenyon Simpson.

Bronx-Westchester Region [NYBW]
40° 53' N 73° 45' W, center Center New Rochelle. 27 Dec 09; 4:30 am-5:00 pm; 44°-58° F; Wind SW 5-15 mph; Snow cover 0-1"; Still water open; moving water open; AM early rain, cloudy; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 77 in 25-33 parties (non-owling) plus 1 at feeders (1.0 hours); 4 hrs & 17 miles Nocturnal Birding; Total party-hrs 194; party miles 445; 178 hrs & 155 miles on foot; 16 hrs & 290 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; Brant 1637; Canada Goose **9080**; Mute Swan 153; Wood Duck 10; Gadwall **241**; Am. Wigeon 275; Am. Black Duck 1000; Mallard 1918; Mallard hybrid 13; N. Shoveler 118; 'American' Green-winged Teal 32; Canvasback 20; Redhead 3; Ring-necked Duck 14; Greater Scaup 6839; Lesser Scaup 52; Surf Scoter 1; White-winged Scoter 10; Black Scoter CW; Long-tailed Duck 386; Bufflehead 832; Co. Goldeneye 179; Hooded Merganser 251; Co. Merganser 8; Red-breasted Merganser 277; Ruddy Duck 118; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 27; Red-throated Loon 33; Co. Loon 9; Horned Grebe 23; N. Gannet 2; Double-crested Cormorant 30; Great Cormorant 38; Great Blue Heron 41; Black-crowned Night-Heron 2; Black Vulture 2; Turkey Vulture 15; Bald Eagle 4; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 17; Cooper's Hawk 17; N. Goshawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 2; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 103; Am. Kestrel 3; Peregrine Falcon 8; Clapper Rail 3; Virginia Rail 5; Killdeer 6; Ruddy Turnstone 4; Purple Sandpiper 71; Am. Woodcock 2; Laughing Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 51; Ring-billed Gull 3046; Herring Gull 853; Great Black-backed Gull 205; Rock Pigeon 1628; Mourning Dove 512; Monk Parakeet 36; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 10; Long-eared Owl 2; N. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 24; Red-bellied Woodpecker 204; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 20; Downy Woodpecker 168; Hairy Woodpecker 56; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 21; Blue Jay 606; Am. Crow 544; Fish Crow **97**; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 8; Black-capped Chickadee 288; Tufted Titmouse 300; Red-breasted Nuthatch 13; White-breasted Nuthatch 156; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 201; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 23; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin **1729**; Gray Catbird 17; N. Mockingbird 100; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 2854; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing 65; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 2; Pine Warbler 2; E. Towhee 16; Am. Tree Sparrow 101; Field Sparrow 5; Savannah Sparrow 1; Salt-marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 39; Song Sparrow 360; Swamp Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 1774; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 1; Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 556; N. Cardinal 405; Red-winged Blackbird 427; Rusty Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle **7109**; Brown-headed Cowbird 9; Baltimore Oriole **4**; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 119; Am. Goldfinch 341; House Sparrow 1631.

Totals: 117 species; 50,746 individuals. **Participants:** Leonard Abramson, Megan Aitchison, Jane Alexander, George Angehr, Richard Aracil, Andrew Baksh, Trudy Battely, Gail Benson, Andrew Block, Shane Blodgett, Doug Bloom, Kelli Bochnik, **Michael Bochnik (bochnikm@cs.com)**, Jackie Bruskin, David Burg, Noah Burg, Thomas Burke, Angel Cardenas, Walter Chadwick, George Dadone, Cece Fabbro, Andrew Farnsworth, Tom Fiore, Elise Fischer, Arie Gilbert, Frank Guida, David Havens, Orlando Hidalgo, Edmund Higgins, Donald Hill, Rob Jett, Jerry Kamlet, Alexandra Kanonik, Rich Kelly, David Krauss, David Kunstler, Andy Lane, Carol Lange, Jean Loscalzo, Yvonne Lynn, Christopher Lyons, Chuck McAlexander, Lawrence McIntyre, Mark McIntyre, David McIntyre, Jim McLaughlin, Caroline McLaughlin, Chris Mignone, Eric Miller, Sandra Morrissey, Tim Moses, Steve Nanz, Joe O'Connell, Sue O'Rouke, Paul Oehrlein, Drew Panko, Caesar Rahman, Ian Resnick, Jack Rothman, Starr Saphir, Saul Scheinbach, Robert Shriber, George Siatos, Alan Soiefer, Seiji Takagi, Andrew Towle, Patricia Towle, Matt Tozer, Benjamin Van Doren, William Van Wart, Bill Wallace, Steve Walter, Scott Wieman, Roz Wood, John Young, Aihua Zheng, Jim Zinaman.

LI: Brooklyn [NYBK]
40.6° N 73.93° W, 19 Dec 09.

Snow Goose 1535; 'Atlantic' Brant 8947; Canada Goose 2044; Mute Swan 97; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 91; Am. Wigeon 91; Am. Black Duck 486; Mallard 728; N. Shoveler 179; N. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 130; Canvasback 4; Greater Scaup 1781; Lesser Scaup 92; Co. Eider 8; Surf Scoter 13; White-winged Scoter 27; Black Scoter 285; Long-tailed Duck 208; Bufflehead 628; Co. Goldeneye 18; Hooded Merganser 57; Co. Merganser 3; Red-breasted Merganser 1934; Ruddy Duck 625; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Red-throated Loon 20; Co. Loon 59; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 82; N. Gannet 1476; Double-crested Cormorant 240; Great Cormorant 83; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 18; Great Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 5; N. Harrier 16; Sharp-shinned Hawk 10; Cooper's Hawk 10; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 16; Rough-legged

Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel CW; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 6; Clapper Rail 1; Am. Coot 36; Black-bellied Plover 42; Killdeer 10; Greater Yellowlegs 6; Sanderling 437; Purple Sandpiper 30; Dunlin 231; **Wilson's Snipe 1**; Am. Woodcock 1; Laughing Gull CW; **Black-headed Gull 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 406; Ring-billed Gull 10,282; Herring Gull 1851; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 232; Rock Pigeon 980; Mourning Dove 195; Monk Parakeet 27; **Great Horned Owl 2**; **Long-eared Owl 1**; Short-eared Owl 1; N. Saw Whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12; Downy Woodpecker 29; Hairy Woodpecker 1; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 18; Blue Jay 19; Am. Crow 196; Horned Lark 45; Black-capped Chickadee 36; Tufted Titmouse 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 17; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 19; Winter Wren 2; Marsh Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet CW; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; Hermit Thrush 10; Am. Robin 420; Gray Catbird 11; N. Mockingbird 47; European Starling 2350; Am. Pipit 14; Cedar Waxwing 22; Orange-crowned Warbler 2; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 500; **Black-throated Green Warbler 1**; Palm Warbler 3; **Ovenbird 1**; **Wilson's Warbler 1**; E. Towhee 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 111; Chipping Sparrow 6; Field Sparrow 11; Savannah Sparrow 37; **Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow 1**; Fox Sparrow 27; Song Sparrow 333; Swamp Sparrow 33; White-throated Sparrow 756; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 175; Snow Bunting 4; N. Cardinal 183; Red-winged Blackbird 37; E. Meadowlark 5; Rusty Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 1; Boat-tailed Grackle 4; Brown-headed Cowbird 126; House Finch 66; Am. Goldfinch 24; House Sparrow 333.

Totals: 123 species; 42,942 individuals.

Buffalo [NYBU]

43° N 78.97° W; 20 Dec 09; 20°-32° F; AM partly clear; PM partly cloudy; 41 observers. Total party-hrs 129.5.

Canada Goose 6915; Mute Swan 2; Tundra Swan 529; Gadwall 54; Am. Wigeon 36; Am. Black Duck 175; Mallard 2378; Green-winged Teal 1; Canvasback 1815; Redhead 161; Ring-necked Duck 44; Greater Scaup 5091; Lesser Scaup 9; scaup sp. 230; Long-tailed Duck 5; Bufflehead 3646; Co. Goldeneye 3758; Hooded Merganser 153; Co. Merganser 2360; Red-breasted Merganser 531; Wild Turkey 41; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 9; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 27; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 11; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 76; Am. Kestrel 12; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 4; Am. Coot 9; Bonaparte's Gull 1030; Ring-billed Gull 6732; Herring Gull 16312; Thayer's Gull 1; Iceland Gull 6; Lesser Black-backed Gull 19; Glaucous Gull 4; Great Black-backed Gull 392; Rock Pigeon 1347; Mourning Dove 368; E. Screech-Owl 12; Great Horned Owl 11; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 35; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 99; Hairy Woodpecker 18; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 4; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 407; Am. Crow 1136; Black-capped Chickadee 414; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 17; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 4; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 20; E. Bluebird 5; Am. Robin 194; N. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 4823; Cedar Waxwing 10; Am. Tree Sparrow 163; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 3; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 39; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 89; Snow Bunting 60; N. Cardinal 176; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 1; House Finch 172; Am. Goldfinch 260; House Sparrow 1326.

Total: 82 species. **Sponsor:** Buffalo Onithological Society. **Participants:** William Broderick, William Burch, Thomas Burke, Drew Campbell, Bruce Chilton, Kenneth Cohen, William D'Anna, Jay Decarolis, Emma Deleon, Robert Deleon, Blayne Farnan, Jean Farnan, Michael F Galas, **David A Gordon (dgordonphoto@yahoo.com)**, Ronald Hacker, Michael Hamilton, Douglas Happ, Audrey Horbett, Kyle Horton, Wojewodzki James, James Landau, Karen Landau, Lynne Landon, Nadine Litwin, Pat Martin, Chris Newton, Susan O'Donnell, Thomas M O'Donnell, Carol O'Shea, James Pawlicki, Betsy Potter, Edward F Ratajczak, Frances M Rew, Gerald R Rising, Donald C Roberson, Vicki Rothman, Timothy Simon, Marilee Thompson, William Watson, Terry Yonker, Michael A. Zebehazy.

LI: Captree [NYCA]

40.7° N 73.25° W, center mouth of Brightwaters Canal; 3 Jan 10; 5:30 am-5:00 pm; 16°-22° F; Wind NW 17-48 mph; Snow cover 0-3"; Still water partly open; moving water partly frozen; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; Observers: 31 in 16-18 parties; 2 hrs & 5 miles owling; Total party-hrs 111; party-miles 193; 90 hrs & 61 miles on foot; 21 hrs & 132 miles by car.

Greater White-fronted Goose 7; 'Atlantic' Brant 93; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose 4037; Mute Swan 84; **Tundra Swan 1**; Wood Duck 8; Gadwall 370; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 53; Am. Black Duck 739; Mallard 564; N. Shoveler 66; N. Pintail 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 14; Canvasback 3; Redhead 45; Ring-necked Duck 129; Greater Scaup 55; Lesser Scaup 12; Co. Eider 3; Surf Scoter 36; White-winged Scoter 16; Black Scoter 473; Long-tailed Duck 1348; Bufflehead 619; Co. Goldeneye 36; Hooded Merganser 749; Co. Merganser **116**; Red-breasted Merganser 415; Ruddy Duck 325; Red-throated Loon 48; Co. Loon 65; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 33; N. Gannet 172; Double-crested Cormorant 3; Great Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 30; Black-crowned Night-Heron 3; N. Harrier 10; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Virginia Rail 2; Am. Coot 12; Black-bellied Plover 10; Killdeer 1; Sanderling 34; Dunlin 67; Wilson's Snipe 2; Bonaparte's Gull 326; Ring-billed Gull 1651; Herring Gull 1900; Iceland Gull 1; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 275; Rock Pigeon 204; Mourning Dove 123; Monk Parakeet CW; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 21; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 20; Hairy Woodpecker 6; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 23; Blue Jay 19; Am. Crow 45; crow sp. 8; Horned Lark 9; Tree Swallow 12; Black-capped Chickadee 132; Tufted Titmouse 34; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 5; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 28; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 40; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 1; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin 555; Gray Catbird 2; N. Mockingbird 26; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 218; Am. Pipit 29; Cedar Waxwing 7; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 120; Pine Warbler 1; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 15; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 3; Savannah Sparrow 16; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 17; Song Sparrow 131; Swamp Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 351; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 259; Snow Bunting 213; N. Cardinal 73; Red-winged Blackbird 61; E. Meadowlark 8; Rusty Blackbird CW; House Finch 37; Am. Goldfinch 31; House Sparrow 109.

Totals: 110 species; 18,159 individuals. **Sponsor:** Great South Bay Audubon. **Participants:** Seth Ausubel, Andrew Baksh, Bobby Berlingeri, Michael Cooper, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Gerta Fritz, Doug Futuyma, John Gluth, Bob Grover, Joel Horman, Margaret Horman, Rich Kelly, Kathy Krause, Allan Lindberg, Pat Lindsay, Barbara McBrien, Michael McBrien, Stocker Michael, Shaibal Mitra, Enrico Nardone, Bryce Nevola, Bob Paxton, Linda Puglielli, Jonathon Stocker, Lee Stocker, Steve Terr, Diane Teta, Ken Thompson, Mary Beth Tomko, Paul Tomko, Edith Wilson.

LI: Central Suffolk [NYCS]

40.83° N 72.78° W. 26 Dec 09; 5:00 am-6:15 pm; 30°-49° F; wind variable 5-25 mph; Snow cover 10-16"; Still water frozen; moving water partly frozen; AM Cloudy; PM Cloudy. Observers: 34 in 11 parties; 5.5 hrs & 7 miles owling; Total party-hrs 95.5; party-miles 290.2; 61.5 hrs & 48 miles on foot; 34 hrs & 242.2 miles by car.

'Atlantic' Brant 184; Canada Goose 3030; Mute Swan 329; Gadwall 49; Am. Wigeon 8; Am. Black Duck 665; Mallard 819; N. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 20; Canvasback 76; Redhead 10; Ring-necked Duck 107; Greater Scaup 142; Lesser Scaup 268; scaup sp. 47; Co. Eider 154; Surf Scoter 1; Black Scoter 591; Long-tailed Duck 209; Bufflehead 473; Co. Goldeneye 15; Hooded Merganser 236; Red-breasted Merganser 344; Ruddy Duck 359; Ring-necked Pheasant 12; Wild Turkey 53; Red-throated Loon 6; Co. Loon 32; Pied-billed Grebe 9; N. Gannet 2; Double-crested Cormorant 34; Great Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 34; Black-crowned Night-Heron 3; N. Harrier 11; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 16; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 3; Virginia Rail 2; Am. Coot 41; Black-bellied Plover 1; Sanderling 15; Dunlin 143; Wilson's Snipe 2; Bonaparte's Gull 25; Ring-billed Gull 1042; Herring Gull 1652; Great Black-backed Gull 250; Rock Pigeon 184; Mourning Dove 186; E. Screech-Owl 15; Great Horned Owl 5; Belted Kingfisher 20; Red-bellied Woodpecker 22; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 6; Downy Woodpecker 38; Hairy Woodpecker 10; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 34; Blue Jay 219; Am. Crow 22; Fish Crow 4; Horned Lark 6; Black-capped Chickadee 210; Tufted Titmouse 80; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 16; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 76; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 55; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 18; Hermit Thrush 10; Am. Robin 1456; Gray Catbird 12; N. Mockingbird 43; Brown Thrasher 13; European Starling 1685; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing 19; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 213; E. Towhee 10; Am. Tree Sparrow 6; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 18; Savannah Sparrow 5; Fox Sparrow 15; Song Sparrow 178; Swamp Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 385; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 224; Snow Bunting 14; N. Cardinal 106; Red-winged Blackbird 65; E. Meadowlark 34; Co.

Grackle 61; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 94; Am. Goldfinch 74; House Sparrow 144.

Totals: 105 species; 17,902 individuals. **Participants:** Richard Belanger, Susan Benson, Steve Biasetti, Brent Bomkamp, Jim Clinton, Jr., Mike Cooper, Johnny Cuomo, Allyson Dyer-Wilson, Marilyn England, Bob Gerdts, Bob Grover, Peggy Horman, Joel Horman, Craig Johann, Ed Johann, Peter Johann, Samantha Johann, Richard Kaskan, Jay Kuhlman, Mary Laura Lamont, John McNeil, Stella Miller, Rick Mohlmann, Tamara Moore, Daniel Morris, Kevin Nolan, Alice Osterlund, James Osterlund, Richard Sautkulis, **Eileen Schwinn, beachmed@optonline.net**, Lee Stanley, Carl Starace, Linda Sullivan, Sally Swain, John Vanek, Daniel V. Wilson, Byron Young.

Chatham [NYCM]

42.37° N 73.65° W, 19 Dec 09; 5°-30° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 30 observers. Total party-hrs 80.5.

Snow Goose 2; Canada Goose 4991; Mute Swan 8; Am. Black Duck 13; Mallard 98; Co. Goldeneye 8; Co. Merganser 116; Wild Turkey 209; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 11; N. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 96; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 57; Herring Gull 22; Great Black-backed Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 398; Mourning Dove 270; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 31; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 86; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 10; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 223; Am. Crow 389; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark 134; Black-capped Chickadee 258; Tufted Titmouse 128; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 77; **Veery 1** ph; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 1551; N. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 1607; Cedar Waxwing 419; Am. Tree Sparrow 112; Song Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 206; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 940; Snow Bunting 110; N. Cardinal 104; Brown-headed Cowbird 21; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 64; Am. Goldfinch 98; House Sparrow 167.

Total: 61 species. **Participants:** Roberta Bernstein, Jon Boulette, Clare Brachen, Ron Bussian, **William Cook (cook@sunycgcc.edu)**, Connie Fitzmaurice, Elisabeth Grace, Nancy Kern, Jeremy Kirchman, Norton Miller, Jeff Novick, John Piwowarski, Will Raup, George Rodenhausen; Kathryn Schneider, William Schneider, Ellen Scott, Debbie Shaw, Jennifer Sotherden, Norah Sotherden, Waylon Sotherden, Carl Specht, Helen Specht, Stephanie Specht, Joan Steiner, Marion Ulmer, Willard Ulmer, Valerie Wallin, Carol Whitby, Owen Whitby.

Clinton [NYCL]

43.08° N 75.33° W, 19 Dec 09; 9°-23° F; AM cloudy; PM partly clear; 24 observers. Total party-hrs 68.

Snow Goose CW; Canada Goose 1770; Am. Black Duck 73; Mallard 520; Ring-necked Duck 2; Hooded Merganser 3; Co. Merganser 3; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 358; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; accipiter sp. 2; Red-tailed Hawk **106**; Rough-legged Hawk 6; *Buteo* sp. 4; Am. Kestrel CW; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 2; Ring-billed Gull 21; Herring Gull 2; *Larus* sp. 13; Rock Pigeon 1084; Mourning Dove 682; E. Screech-Owl 2; Barred Owl 1; **N. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **36**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 104; Hairy Woodpecker 45; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker CW; Pileated Woodpecker 10; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 190; Am. Crow 3885; Horned Lark 62; Black-capped Chickadee 515; Tufted Titmouse 94; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 23; Hermit Thrush CW; Am. Robin 28; European Starling 1816; Cedar Waxwing 10; Am. Tree Sparrow 191; Fox Sparrow 3; Song Sparrow CW; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 33; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 212; Snow Bunting 195; N. Cardinal **157**; Brown-headed Cowbird 11; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 96; Am. Goldfinch 130; House Sparrow 262.

Total: 55 species. **Participants:** Carol Adams, Dick Bedient, Virginia Billings, Karen Evert, Steve Hall, Steve Heerkens, Carol Higgins, Chuck Higgins, Jody Hildreth, Judy McIntyre, Pat McIntyre, Cecily Myers, Diane Parrish, Gary Parrish, Frank Perretta, Gail Perretta, **Matt Perry (mperry63@roadrunner.com)**, Debby Quayle, Ian Rosenstein, Cheri Sassman, Robert Smith, Sheila Smith, Linda Thomas, Faith Thompson.

Conesus-Hemlock-Honeoye Lakes [NYCH]
42.78° N 77.62° W. 02 Jan 02 10; 8°-17° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 37 observers. Total party-hrs 87.

Cackling Goose 2; Canada Goose 5751; Mute Swan 1; Tundra Swan CW; Gadwall 8; Am. Black Duck 409; Mallard 1064; N. Pintail CW; Green-winged Teal 1; duck sp. 5; Canvasback 5; Redhead 3981; Ring-necked Duck 616; Greater Scaup 6; Lesser Scaup 77; White-winged Scoter 2; Bufflehead 29; Co. Goldeneye 269; Hooded Merganser 21; Co. Merganser 35; Red-breasted Merganser 13; Ruddy Duck 5; Ring-necked Pheasant CW; Ruffed Grouse CW; Wild Turkey 2; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 3; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 41; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 30; **Wilson's Snipe 2**; Ring-billed Gull 168; Herring Gull 47; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 136; Mourning Dove 242; E. Screech-Owl 27; Great Horned Owl 2; Short-eared Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 80; Downy Woodpecker 116 Hairy Woodpecker 24; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 35; Pileated Woodpecker 7; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 444; Am. Crow 539; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 8; Black-capped Chickadee 724; Tufted Titmouse 98; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 117; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 3; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 9; E. Bluebird 47; Am. Robin 44; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 1076; Cedar Waxwing 35; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 12; Am. Tree Sparrow 329; Song Sparrow 2; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 13; White-crowned Sparrow CW; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 205; Snow Bunting 60; N. Cardinal 187; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 116; Pine Siskin 4; Am. Goldfinch 316; House Sparrow 346.

Total: 79 species. **Participants:** Randy Baker, **Carolyn Barnhart (cbarnhart@frontiernet.net)**, Jerry Barnhart, Douglas Bassett, Doug Beattie, Jon Dombrowski, Mary Gordon, Jay Greenberg, Geoffrey Gretton, Lucretia Grosshans, Kim Hartquist, Jack Hartwig, Diane Henderson, Monica Herrman-Kokis, Jim Kimball, Mike Kumeczko, Pat Martin, Bob Mauceli, Sandy Mauceli, Chita McKinney, Robert McKinney, Janet Miles, Jim Ochterski, Phillip Opdycke, Jay Powell, Al Price, Carolyn Ragan, Shirley Shaw, Cathy Spahn, Robert Spahn, Susan Spahn, Allan Strong, David Strong, Kimberly Sucy, Jerry Sullivan, Wes Utter, Kinsley Whittum.

Corning [NYCO]
42.1° N 77.13333° W. 14 Dec 06; 6:30 am-5:30 pm; 19°-24° F; Wind NE 7-10 mph; Snow cover 3.0"; Still water frozen; moving water open; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 16 in 6-9 parties; 0.5 hrs & 0.5 miles owling; Total party-hrs 58; party-miles 348; 18 hrs & 17 miles on foot; 40 hrs & 331 miles by car.

Canada Goose **1210**; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 304; **Redhead 1**; Hooded Merganser 6; Co. Merganser 35; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 59; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle **9**; N. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 48; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 1; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Ring-billed Gull 86; Herring Gull 8; Rock Pigeon 595; Mourning Dove 179; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 11; Downy Woodpecker 50; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker **10**; Blue Jay 384; Am. Crow 815; Co. Raven 5; Black-capped Chickadee 358; Tufted Titmouse 46; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet **14**; E. Bluebird 36; Am. Robin 1; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 813; Cedar Waxwing 37; Am. Tree Sparrow 25 LC; Song Sparrow 4; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 18; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 298; N. Cardinal 71; House Finch 47; Am. Goldfinch 191; House Sparrow 54.

Total: 53 species; 5949 individuals. **Participants:** Marty Borko, Irving Cook, Steve Cooper, Brett Hoffman, Hunter Hoffman, Marti Hoffman, **Bill Ostrander Compiler (browncreeper@stny.rr.com)**, Joan Ostrander, John Palmer, Marilyn Palmer, Mary Passage, Mike Powers, Reina Powers, Dale Stevens, James Taylor, Graham Wightman.

Cortland [NYCR]
42.67° N 76.27° W. 19 Dec 09; 12°-25° F; AM cloudy PM cloudy, Observers: 22; Total party-hrs 73.75.

Snow Goose CW; Canada Goose 3151; **Wood Duck 1**; Am. Black Duck 22; Mallard 502; Redhead 19; Ring-necked Duck 1; Lesser Scaup 25; Bufflehead 9; Co. Goldeneye 55; Hooded Merganser 24; Co. Merganser 20; Ring-necked Pheasant 4; Ruffed Grouse **16**; Wild Turkey 287; Co.

Loon 1; Great Blue Heron CW; Bald Eagle CW; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 9; **Red-shouldered Hawk 1**; Red-tailed Hawk **94**; Rough-legged Hawk 9; Am. Kestrel 1; **Merlin CW**; **Sandhill Crane 6**; Ring-billed Gull 380; Herring Gull 85; Great Black-backed Gull 6; Rock Pigeon **1578**; Mourning Dove 603; E. Screech-Owl **5**; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl **3**; **Long-eared Owl 1**; Red-bellied Woodpecker **34**; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker **140**; Hairy Woodpecker **61**; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker **9**; N. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 355; Am. Crow 2771; Co. Raven **9**; Horned Lark 56; Black-capped Chickadee 1276; Tufted Titmouse **113**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 41; White-breasted Nuthatch 130; Brown Creeper 16; Carolina Wren **5**; Golden-crowned Kinglet **46**; E. Bluebird 8; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 2971; Cedar Waxwing 22; Am. Tree Sparrow 444; **Chipping Sparrow 1**; **Savannah Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 17; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 437; Snow Bunting 274; N. Cardinal **157**; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 21; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 165; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 289; House Sparrow 499.

Total: 74 species. **Sponsor:** Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture. **Participants:** James Barry, Gail Benedict, Linda Christie, Chad Devoe, Mike Douglass, Norm Goldstein, Joe Governali, Nancy Governali, John Gustafson, Dave Loparco, Jay McGowan, James McKenna, Matthew Medler, Bobbi Monroe, **Judy Read**, Ken Rosenberg, Tom Schulenberg, Ernie Spainhower, Arnold Talentino, Kris Terrillion, Bill Toner, **Matthew Young (grosbeak@clarityconnect.com)**.

Dunkirk-Fredonia [NYFR]

42.43° N 79.28° W; 19 Dec 09; 19°-26° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 14 observers. Total party-hrs 28.

Canada Goose 1292; Am. Black Duck 6; Mallard 154; Canvasback 2; Lesser Scaup 29; Black Scoter 3; Bufflehead 25; Co. Goldeneye 6; Hooded Merganser 101; Co. Merganser 3; Red-breasted Merganser 16; Ruddy Duck 1; Wild Turkey 107; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 45; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; Bald Eagle 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 30; Am. Kestrel 3; Am. Coot 23; **Am. Avocet 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 4; Ring-billed Gull 398; Herring Gull 19; Great Black-backed Gull 163; Rock Pigeon 306; Mourning Dove 136; Red-bellied Woodpecker 14; Downy Woodpecker 26; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 64; Am. Crow 221; Black-capped Chickadee 123; Tufted Titmouse 22; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 19; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 16; Am. Robin 30; European Starling 248; Am. Tree Sparrow 96; Chipping Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 90; N. Cardinal 30; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 58; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 26; House Sparrow 268.

Total: 54 species. **Participants:** Benton Allen, Sylvia Clarke, **Paul Farver**, **Joanne Goetz (goetz@netsync.net)**, Joe Gula, Phil Hanlon, Carol Hardenburg, Terry Mahoney, Terry Mosher, David Neveu, Robert Peterson, Beverly Ruska, Jeanine Smith, Ted Taft.

Dutchess County [NYDC]

41.68° N 73.8 ° W. 19 Dec 09; 7:00 am-4:30 pm; 11°-23° F; Wind N 0-10 mph; Snow cover 3"; Still water frozen; moving water open; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 36 in 10-14 parties; Total party-hrs 85.5; party-miles 585; 18.25 hrs & 16.85 miles on foot; 67.25 hrs & 568 miles by car.

Snow Goose 9; Canada Goose 3387; Mute Swan 23; Am. Black Duck 25; Mallard 428; Ring-necked Duck 72; Hooded Merganser 32; Co. Merganser 48; Ruddy Duck 17; Wild Turkey 44; Double-crested Cormorant 1; 'Blue form' Great Blue Heron 10; Black Vulture 2; Turkey Vulture 3; Bald Eagle 2; N. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 67; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 19; Killdeer 1; Ring-billed Gull 521; Herring Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 262; Mourning Dove 141; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-headed Woodpecker 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 74; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7; Downy Woodpecker 124; Hairy Woodpecker 15; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 14; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 293; Am. Crow 14200; Fish Crow 585; Horned Lark 38; Black-capped Chickadee 355; Tufted Titmouse 257; White-breasted Nuthatch 88; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 33; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 46; Hermit Thrush 3; Am. Robin 695; N. Mockingbird 34; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 1862; Cedar Waxwing 166; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 67; Field Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 61; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 702; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1036; Snow Bunting 3; N. Cardinal 262; Red-winged Blackbird 520; E. Meadowlark 2; Co. Grackle 607; Brown-headed Cowbird 217; House Finch 57; Am. Goldfinch 98; House Sparrow 211.

Total: 72 species; 27907 individuals. **Participants:** Tracy Ansley, Barbara Butler, Tammie Carey, Betsy Carswell, **William Case, (cbc1@watermanbirdclub.org),** Dorothy Fleury, Carol Fredericks, Richard Gershon, Steve Golladay, David Grover, Ken Harris, Iona Haskell, Barry Haydasz, David Holub, Suzanne Infante, Elizabeth Jamison, Rodney Johnson, Maha Katnani, Kateri Kosek, Maury Lacher, Carmelita Liao, Barbara Mansell, Frank Margiotta, Liz Martens, Tully McElrath, Barbara Michelin, Krista Morris, Mona Payton, Carena Pooth, Adrienne Popko, Thalia Sudnik, Herb Thompson, Bert Vincent, Chet Vincent, Fritz Waterman, Robert Williams.

Eastern Orange County [NYEO]
41.48° N 74.15° W; 19 Dec 09; 18°-28° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 28 observers. Total party-hrs 88.

Snow Goose 4; Canada Goose 3625 LC; Mute Swan 19; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 11; Am. Black Duck 34; Mallard 407 LC; Ring-necked Duck 27; Bufflehead 1; Hooded Merganser 22; Co. Merganser 68; Ruddy Duck 1; Wild Turkey; 146; Double-crested Cormorant 5; Great Cormorant 5; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 6; Black Vulture 12; Turkey Vulture **31**; Bald Eagle 4; N. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 124; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 679; Herring Gull 45; Great Black-backed Gull 89; Rock Pigeon 543; Mourning Dove 256; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 82; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9; Downy Woodpecker 140; Hairy Woodpecker **14**; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 23; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Blue Jay 417; Am. Crow 5626 LC; Fish Crow 29; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 255; Black-capped Chickadee 257; Tufted Titmouse 313; White-breasted Nuthatch 104; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 24; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 84; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 380; N. Mockingbird 31; European Starling **6032**; Cedar Waxwing 57; Am. Tree Sparrow 92; Field Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 36; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 833; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1373; Snow Bunting 50; N. Cardinal 228; Red-winged Blackbird 11; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 13; Purple Finch 6; House Finch 160; Am. Goldfinch 142; House Sparrow 432.
Total: 72 species. **Participants:** Ajit Antony, Liza Antony, Barry Babcock, Dave Baker, Karen Brady, Kevin Brady, Jodi Brodsky, Joe Cullen, Joyce Depew, Bill Fiero, Fitz Fitzpatrick, Jan Fitzpatrick, Chris Fryer, Desly Fryer, Scott Graber, Dave Hultgren, Ken Kijewski, John Kolp, Curt McDermott, Ken McDermott, Gerhard Patsch, Bernard Perretti, Claudia Perretti, **Robert Slechta (results992@yahoo.com)**, Herb Stein, Linda Strohl, Jane Tiller, John Yrizarry.

Elizabethtown [NYEZ]
44° 13' N 73° 36' W. 14 Dec 20; 4:30 am - 4:14 pm; 0°- 24° F; Wind NW 0-15 mph; Snow cover 0-12"; Still water frozen; moving water partly open; AM mostly cloudy; PM clear; Observers: 18 in 6 parties; 2.5 hrs & 12 miles owling; Total party-hrs 42.75; party-miles 362; 6.5 hrs & 11 miles on foot; 36.25 hrs & 351 miles by car.

Canada Goose 136; Mallard 72; Ruffed Grouse 10; Wild Turkey 61; Bald Eagle 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; N. Goshawk 1; Accipiter sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 8; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Rock Pigeon 36; Mourning Dove 116; E. Screech-Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 35; Hairy Woodpecker 21; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 312; Am. Crow 254; Black-capped Chickadee 433; Tufted Titmouse 19; Red-breasted Nuthatch 102; White-breasted Nuthatch 27; Brown Creeper 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; Am. Robin 3; European Starling 102; Cedar Waxwing 18; Am. Tree Sparrow 77; Field Sparrow 2, White-throated Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 132; Snow Bunting 66; N. Cardinal 16; Purple Finch 4; Am. Goldfinch135; House Sparrow 52.

Totals: 40 species; 2294 individuals. **Participants:** Becky Bosley, Robin Brown, Joan Collins, Una Carey-Creedon, **Charlotte Demers (cdemers@frontiernet.net)**, Denise Griffin, Megan Murphy, Dan Nickerson, Stan Oliva, Hank Stebbins, Nancy Slack, Carole Slatkin, Eric Teed, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, Eve Ticknor,Yvette Tillema, Kathleen Wiley.

Elmira [NYEL]
42.1333° N 76.8333° W. 2 Jan 10; 5:00 am-5:30 pm; 15°-18° F; Wind NW 6-18 mph; Snow cover 6"; Still water frozen; moving water partly frozen; AM overcast, light snow; PM overcast, light snow. Observers: 26 in 8-13 parties; 3.5 hrs & 20.25 miles owling; Total party-hrs 86.5; party-miles 496; 38 hrs & 38.5 miles on foot; 48.5 hrs & 457.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose **214**; Canada Goose **5462**; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 32; Mallard 396; Co. Merganser 79; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 24; Great Blue Heron 3; **Turkey Vulture 1**; Bald

Eagle 5; N. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 51; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Merlin 1; Ring-billed Gull 419; Herring Gull 40; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 662; Mourning Dove 254; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl CW; **N. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **22**; Downy Woodpecker 56; Hairy Woodpecker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 358; Am. Crow 1089; Co. Raven 8; Black-capped Chickadee 440; Tufted Titmouse 92; Red-breasted Nuthatch 23; White-breasted Nuthatch 86; Carolina Wren 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet 21; E. Bluebird 43; Am. Robin 3; N. Mockingbird 12; European Starling 1652; **Am. Pipit 4**; Cedar Waxwing 63; Am. Tree Sparrow 83; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 33; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 358; Snow Bunting CW; N. Cardinal 149; Red-winged Blackbird 7; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 126; Am. Goldfinch 225; House Sparrow 152.

Totals: 59 species; 12788 individuals. **Participants:** Marcia Christian, Dick Clements, Joan Clements, Judith Clovsky, Irving Cook, Wendy Copenhaver, Mike Deming, Joanne Deming, Richard Ek, Jim Emmick, Brett Hoffman, Hunter Hoffman, Marti Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Peter Meybaum, **Bill Ostrander Compiler (browncreeper@stny.rr.com)**, Joan Ostrander, John Palmer, Marilyn Palmer, Michael Powers, Reina Powers, Bob Russell, Vi Savard, Anita Seaberg, Don Sommers, Dale Stevens.

Ferrisburg [VTFE]
44.18° N 73.3° W; 19 Dec 09; 1°-21° F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; 39 observers. Total party-hrs 99.

Canada Goose 141; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 42; Mallard 238; **Redhead 1**; Bufflehead 27; Co. Goldeneye 975; Hooded Merganser 55; Co. Merganser 171; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 367; Co. Loon 21; Horned Grebe 17; Red-necked Grebe 2; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; **Osprey CW;** Bald Eagle 16; N. Harrier 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 LC; Cooper's Hawk **8**; Red-tailed Hawk 57; Rough-legged Hawk 15; Am. Kestrel 2; Peregrine Falcon 3; Bonaparte's Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 378; Herring Gull 40; Great Black-backed Gull 30; Rock Pigeon 620; Mourning Dove 495; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl 12; Barred Owl 1; **Long-eared Owl 1** GD; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 11; Downy Woodpecker 72; Hairy Woodpecker 32; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 9; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 271; Am. Crow 730; Co. Raven 33; Horned Lark 438; Black-capped Chickadee 664; Tufted Titmouse 112; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 122; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 11; E. Bluebird 19; **Hermit Thrush 1** ph; Am. Robin 183; European Starling 1927; Cedar Waxwing 309; Am. Tree Sparrow 433; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 5; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 214; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 1905; N. Cardinal 152; Red-winged Blackbird 6; Brown-headed Cowbird **40**; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 253; Am. Goldfinch 423; House Sparrow 922.

Total: 71 species. **Participants:** Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews, Steve Antell, Greg Askew, Ric Beck, Lillian Birkett, Jessie Bradley, Barbara Brosnan, David Brown, John Chamberlain, Brendan Collins, Heather Cosgrove, Michael Cosgrove, Peg Goldman, Penny Goodkind, Margaret Lowe, Steve Lowe, Mora McClure, James Mead, Ted Murin, Barb Oimette, Stan Oliva, Jim Osborn, Alan Pistorius, Dick Reid, Ali Rood, Peg Rood, Chris Runcie, Harriet Szanto, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, Yvette Tillem, Henry Trombley, Steve Trombulak, **Mike Winslow (mikekira@verizon.net)**, Jay Wisner, Jeanne Wisner, Sarah Wisner, Ian Worley.

Fort Plain [NYFP]
42.93° N 74.6° W. 2 Jan 10; 12°-23° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy. Observers: 16; Total party-hrs 69.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 5805; Am. Black Duck 47; Mallard 802; duck sp. 3; Hooded Merganser 5; Co. Merganser 51; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 41; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 3; N. Harrier 2; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 62; Rough-legged Hawk 6; *Buteo* sp. 4, Am. Kestrel 4; Ring-billed Gull 1; Herring Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 687; Mourning Dove 182; E. Screech-Owl 3; Short-eared Owl 4; N. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 12; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 63; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Blue Jay 133; Am. Crow 2758; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 290; Black-capped Chickadee 294; Tufted Titmouse 71; White-breasted Nuthatch 39; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 6; European Starling 1078; Cedar Waxwing 68; Am. Tree Sparrow 179; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated

Sparrow 40; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 262; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 388; N. Cardinal 53; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; House Finch 33; Co. Redpoll 7; Am. Goldfinch 246; House Sparrow 218.

Total: 54 species. **Participants:** Ann Adams, Sandy Bright, Cindy Campbell, **Bob Donnelly (rsdonn@yahoo.com)**, Ron Frasier, Becky Gretton, Marion Karl, Randy Lynch, Andy Mason, Eleanor Moriarity, Bill Ralston, Danielle Restuccia, Stephanie Restuccia, Chip Reynolds, Nora Reynolds Reynolds, Joann Salo, Tom Salo, Charlie Scheim.

Geneva [NYGE]
42.87° N 76.98° W; 3 Jan 10; 13°-16° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 18 observers. Total party-hrs 50.

Snow Goose 100; Canada Goose 25469; Trumpeter Swan 3; Am. Black Duck 68; Mallard 894; N. Pintail CW; Redhead 3; Greater Scaup 2; Lesser Scaup 1; Co. Goldeneye 49; Co. Merganser 30; Ruddy Duck 2; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 84; Great Blue Heron 2; N. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk 27; Rough-legged Hawk 1; *Buteo* sp. 1; Am. Kestrel CW; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 15; Ring-billed Gull 866; Herring Gull 436; Iceland Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull 97; Rock Pigeon 167; Mourning Dove 163; E. Screech-Owl CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 22; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 39; Hairy Woodpecker 7; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 114; Am. Crow 5634; Horned Lark 631; Black-capped Chickadee 112; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 27; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 1; Am. Robin 122; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 2294; Am. Tree Sparrow 90; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 19; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 101; Lapland Longspur 2; Snow Bunting 570; N. Cardinal 153; Rusty Blackbird CW; House Finch 124; Am. Goldfinch 95; House Sparrow 537.

Total: 55 species. **Participants:** Randy Baker, Linda Benedict, Steve Benedict, Jim Blankenberg, Ann Cobb, Don Cobb, Lynn Donaldson, Charles Gibson, Bob Guthrie, Lyn Jacobs, Leona Lauster, Phil Opdycke, Gene Parsons, Charlie Rouse, **Lisa Rouse (ldrouse@rochester.rr.com)**, Dave Spier, Maureen Sward, Roger VanNostrand.

Greenwich-Stamford [CTGS]
41.08° N 73.62° W; 20 Dec 09; 19°-30° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy; 60 observers. Total party-hrs 179.

Snow Goose **18**; 'Atlantic' Brant 613; Canada Goose **8281**; Mute Swan 116 Wood Duck 59; Gadwall 89; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 69; Am. Black Duck 671; Mallard 1422; N. Pintail 1; 'Am.' Green-winged Teal 1; Canvasback 5 LC; Ring-necked Duck 28 LC; Greater Scaup 7 LC; Lesser Scaup 2; White-winged Scoter 10; scoter sp. 3; Long-tailed Duck 205; Bufflehead **938**; Co. Goldeneye 218; Hooded Merganser 277; Co. Merganser 729; Red-breasted Merganser 469; Ruddy Duck 58; Wild Turkey 28; Red-throated Loon **75**; Co. Loon **43**; Pied-billed Grebe 6; Horned Grebe 14; Red-necked Grebe CW; N. Gannet **10**; Double-crested Cormorant **12**; Great Cormorant 78; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 40; Black Vulture **18**; Turkey Vulture **147**; **Osprey 1;** Bald Eagle 4; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk **17**; Cooper's Hawk 12; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 111; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin **3**; Peregrine Falcon **3**; Am. Coot 4; Black-bellied Plover 12; Killdeer 14; Ruddy Turnstone 52; Purple Sandpiper 8; Am. Woodcock 2; Bonaparte's Gull 11; Ring-billed Gull 1669; Herring Gull 1656; **Iceland Gull 1** ph; Lesser Black-backed Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull 156; Rock Pigeon 541; Mourning Dove 721; Monk Parakeet 26 LC; E. Screech-Owl 3 LC; Great Horned Owl 6 LC; Barred Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 1; N. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 13; Red-bellied Woodpecker 169; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 18; Downy Woodpecker 201; Hairy Woodpecker 37; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 29; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 516; Am. Crow 2401; Fish Crow 6; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 146; Black-capped Chickadee 440; Tufted Titmouse 430; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 159; Brown Creeper 15; Carolina Wren 101; Winter Wren 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 31; Hermit Thrush 9; Am. Robin **2933**; Gray Catbird 13; N. Mockingbird 75; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 2551; Am. Pipit **57**; Cedar Waxwing 254; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 12; E. Towhee 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 56; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 10; Savannah Sparrow **10**; Fox Sparrow 21; Song Sparrow 326; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow 1868; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **2583**; Snow Bunting 34; N. Cardinal

357; Red-winged Blackbird **842**; Rusty Blackbird 16; Co. Grackle **8896**; Brown-headed Cowbird 40; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 308; Am. Goldfinch 219; House Sparrow 676.

Total: 117 species. **Participants:** Michael Aurelia, Pat Bailey, Tom Baptist, Valentina Baptist, Trudy Battaly, Steve Beal, Joan Becker, Richard Becker, Joe Belanger, William Belanger, Gail Benson, Michael Bochnik, Tom Burke, Ioa Byrne, Federico Carballo, Manuel Carballo, Al Collins, Eamon Corbett, Annette Cunniffe, Daniel Cunniffe, Peter Davenport, Cynthia Ehlinger, Debby Ethridge, Andrew Farnsworth, Kathy Gellman, Ted Gilman, Arthur Green, Frank Guida, Tim Guida, John Hannan, Carol Hartel, Bo Hopkins, Elsbeth Johnson, Ryan Keller, Melody Libonati, Ryan Maclean, Shaun Martin, Chris Mignon, Ken Mirman, Mike Moccio, Tim Moses, Maryann O'Leary, **Brian O'Toole**, **Gary Palmer (mrobbins@audubon.org)**, Gary Palmer, Drew Panko, Matt Popp, Stephen Ricker, Polly Rothstein, Meredith Sampson, Jonna Schaffer, Andy Towle, Richard Trepp, Jim Utter, William Van Loan, Benjamin VanDoren., Jim Voros, Mike Warner, Lynn Zeltman, Adam Zorn.

Hamburg-East Aurora [NYHE]
42.72° N 78.75° W; 26 Dec 09; 29°-39° F; AM cloudy, light-heavy rain, light snow; PM cloudy, light-heavy rain, light snow; 25 observers. Total party-hrs 74.

Canada Goose 287 Am. Black Duck 1; Mallard 230; Co. Merganser 1; Wild Turkey 21; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 34; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Ring-billed Gull 186; Herring Gull 165; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 672; Mourning Dove 342; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 40; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 22; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 195; Am. Crow 546; Black-capped Chickadee 554; Tufted Titmouse 104; Red-breasted Nuthatch 19; White-breasted Nuthatch 54; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 11; E. Bluebird 20; Am. Robin 112; European Starling 1764; Cedar Waxwing 97; Am. Tree Sparrow 63; Song Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 17; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 176; N. Cardinal 141; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 96; Am. Goldfinch 175; House Sparrow 554.

Total: 48 species. **Sponsor:** Buffalo Ornithological Society, Buffalo Audubon Society. **Participants:** Chris Akios, Lewis Crowell, Jay DeCarolis, Donna DeLeon, Dr. Robert DeLeon, Emma DeLeon, Paul Fuhrmann, Michael Galas, Doug Happ, Morgan Jones, Jr., Karen Landau, Paul Lazarus, Paul Lazarus, Jr., Mike Morgante, Christian Newton, **Thomas O'Donnell (tmodonnell@roadrunner.com)**, James Pawlicki, Edward Ratajczak, Gerry Rising, Nancy Vigyikan, Jim Wojewodski, Mike Zebehazy, Paul Ziebarth, Virginia Ziebarth, Larry Zilliox.

Hudson Falls [NYHF]
43.28° N 73.62° W; 19 Dec 09; 0°-24° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear; 11 observers. Total party-hrs 29.

Canada Goose 1; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 28; Mallard 430; Redhead 1; Co. Goldeneye 159; Hooded Merganser 18; Co. Merganser 31; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 59; Bald Eagle 2; N. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 38; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Merlin 1; Rock Pigeon 499; Mourning Dove 170; Red-bellied Woodpecker 13; Downy Woodpecker 42; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Blue Jay 196; Am. Crow 1090; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 57; Black-capped Chickadee 134; Tufted Titmouse 105; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; E. Bluebird 21; Am. Robin 48; N. Mockingbird 8; European Starling 1942; Cedar Waxwing 31; Am. Tree Sparrow 316; Song Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 24; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 381; Snow Bunting 257; N. Cardinal 87; Red-winged Blackbird 3; House Finch 86; Am. Goldfinch 38; House Sparrow 195.
Total: 51 species. **Participants:** Chase Bernier, Beth Bidwell, Brad Bidwell, Nathan Bidwell, Joan Dobert, Greg Greene, Russ Hilliard, Laurie Lafond, Joyce Miller, Joan Robertson, **Linda White (lindaandblake@adelphia.net)**.

Ithaca [NYIT]
42.45° N 76.45° W. 1 Jan 10; 22°-32° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow. Observers: 72; Total party-hrs 216.0.

Snow Goose 20; 'Atlantic' Brant 3; Canada Goose 8946; Tundra Swan 24; Gadwall 3; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 43; Mallard 951; **N. Shoveler 1** ph; N. Pintail CW; Canvasback 10;

Redhead 260; Ring-necked Duck CW; Greater Scaup 5; Lesser Scaup 2; scaup sp. 125; White-winged Scoter CW; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 13; Co. Goldeneye 15; Hooded Merganser 6; Co. Merganser 34; Ruddy Duck 2; Ring-necked Pheasant CW; Ruffed Grouse 17; Wild Turkey 296; Co. Loon 3; Pied-billed Grebe 5; Great Blue Heron 4; Bald Eagle CW; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 10; N. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 121; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 355; Ring-billed Gull 241; Herring Gull 700; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 107; gull sp. 12; Rock Pigeon 988; Mourning Dove 1131; E. Screech-Owl 18; Great Horned Owl 18; Barred Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 183; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 419; Hairy Woodpecker 130; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 24; Pileated Woodpecker 36; Blue Jay 1111; Am. Crow 4913; Fish Crow 7; Co. Raven 8; Horned Lark 28; Black-capped Chickadee 3334; Tufted Titmouse 507; Red-breasted Nuthatch 59; White-breasted Nuthatch 499; Brown Creeper 30; Carolina Wren 35; Golden-crowned Kinglet 33; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 125; Am. Robin 63; Gray Catbird 1; N. Mockingbird 9; European Starling 3552; Cedar Waxwing 758; **Ovenbird 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 284; Song Sparrow 38; Swamp Sparrow **21**; White-throated Sparrow 103; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 574; Snow Bunting 361; N. Cardinal 453; **Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1 AD;** Red-winged Blackbird CW; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle CW; Brown-headed Cowbird 36; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 462; Co. Redpoll 1; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 543; House Sparrow 937.

Total: 72 species. **Participants:** Paul Anderson, Bill Baker, Braam Bezuidenhoudt, Gladys Birdsall, Wes Blauvelt, Andy Boehm, Julie Clougherty, Tom Clougherty, John Confer, Nancy Cusumano, Linda Duttweiler, Mike Duttweiler, Harry Ellsworth, Sue Est, Steve Fast, Martha Fischer, John Fitzpatrick, John Greenly, Tony Greenly, Shannon Haskins, Susan Henderson, Carmen Hockett, Jim Houghton, Larry Hymes, Sara Jane Hymes, Eduardo Inigo-Elias, Judy Jones, Judy Keil, Graham Kerslick, Elizabeth King, Gary Kohlenberg, Stuart Krasnoff, Scott Lawhead, Lynn Leopold, Rick Lightbody, Dave LoParco, Alberto Lopez, Caroline Manring, Bill McAneny, Shirley McAneny, Elaina McCartney, Jay McGowan, **Kevin McGowan (kjm2@cornell.edu)**, Perri McGowan, Bob McGuire, Deb Miller, Connie O'Brien, Stephan Ohlstrom, Larry Orkin, Bob Packard, Bruce Packard, Bill Podulka, Sandy Podulka, Bard Prentiss, Marie Read, Sally Reimer, Colleen Richards, Dave Ritchie, Ken Rosenberg, Sean Scanlon, Marjolein Schat, Ton Schat, Tom Schulenberg, Carol Sisler, David Slottje, Helen Slottje, Laura Stenzler, Jodi Sterling, Scott Sutcliffe, Mary VanBuren, Jill Vaughan, Margo Yntema.

Jamestown [NYJA]
42.1° N 79.22° W. 20 Dec 09; 17°-30° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 28; Total party-hrs 79.75.

Canada Goose 1073 Tundra Swan 8; Gadwall CW; Am. Wigeon CW; Am. Black Duck 22; Mallard 969; N. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 2; Canvasback CW; Redhead 21; Ring-necked Duck CW; Greater Scaup CW; Bufflehead 13; Co. Goldeneye 6; Hooded Merganser 13; Co. Merganser 8; Red-breasted Merganser 4; Ruddy Duck 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 137; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 6; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 57; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 9; Am. Coot 3; Killdeer 2; Wilson's Snipe 1; Ring-billed Gull 440; Herring Gull 12; Rock Pigeon 1025; Mourning Dove 585; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl 9; Barred Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **19**; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 88; Hairy Woodpecker 26; Pileated Woodpecker **13**; Blue Jay 325; Am. Crow 4000; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 422; Tufted Titmouse 50; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 54; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 1210; Am. Pipit **3**; Cedar Waxwing 212; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 156; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 10; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 138; N. Cardinal 156; Red-winged Blackbird 11; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 70; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 99; House Sparrow 521.

Total: 73 species. **Participants:** Dennis Anderson, Jim Baer, Mark Baldwin, Ann Beebe, James Berry, Seth Berry, Larry Brown, Dave Cooney, George Green, Becky Greenfield, Donald Greenhouse, Todd Gustafson, Paul Hedberg, Margaret Jewett, Dr. Michael Johnson Sr., Michael Johnson, Jr., Nancy Karp, Ranjit Laha, Frances Lapinski, Ruth Lundin, Steven Maggio, Sally Martinez, Joanne Nelson, Linda O'Brien, Robert Petroline, Bonnie Rappole, John Rappolem, Bruce E. Robinson, Bruce J. Robinson, **William Seleen (wseleen@stny.rr.com)**, Mary Shaul, Thomas

Simmons, Herb Smith, Dick Stineman, Scott Stoleson, Robert Sundell, Robert Ungerer, Donald Watts, John Wendel, Anne Wieland, Andrea Windoft.

Johnstown-Gloversville [NYJG]
43.1° N 74.38° W. 27 Dec 09; 28°-43° F; AM cloudy; PM clear. Observers: 15; Total party-hrs 41.0.

Canada Goose 46; Mallard 85; duck sp. 22; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 53; Great Blue Heron CW; N. Harrier CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 21; hawk sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 38; Herring Gull 92; Great Black-backed Gull 24; gull sp. 47; Rock Pigeon 339; Mourning Dove 203; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; small owl sp. 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 35; Hairy Woodpecker 18; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay **368**; Am. Crow 379; Co. Raven 18; Horned Lark 26; Black-capped Chickadee 757; Tufted Titmouse 51; Red-breasted Nuthatch 34; White-breasted Nuthatch 66; Brown Creeper 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 1; N. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 486; Cedar Waxwing 54; Am. Tree Sparrow 44; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow CW; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 92; N. Cardinal 15; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 21 LC; Am. Goldfinch 169; Evening Grosbeak 7; House Sparrow 140.

Total: 45 species. **Participants:** Laurie Freeman, Marianne Friers, **Pamela Hunt (biodiva@verizon.net)**, Sally Jorgensen, Marlene MacFee, Ryan MacFee, Matt Montgomery, Michael Montgomery, Larry Rowland, Liz Russo, Paul Russo, Carol Stack, Jon Stack, George Steele, Sue Van Hook.

Letchworth-Silver Lake [NYLS]
42.75° N 78.0° W; 19 Dec 09; 18°-24° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 17 observers. Total party-hrs 71.5.

Cackling Goose 2; Canada Goose 15594; Tundra Swan 13; Gadwall 2; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 64; Mallard 561; Canvasback 1; Redhead **100**; Ring-necked Duck 35; Lesser Scaup 2; Bufflehead 3; Co. Goldeneye 1; Co. Merganser 9; Wild Turkey 61; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 2; Turkey Vulture 16; Bald Eagle 4; N. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 50; Am. Kestrel 3; Am. Coot 5; Ring-billed Gull 12; Herring Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 508; Mourning Dove 292; E. Screech-Owl 10; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **47**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 93; Hairy Woodpecker 28; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 18; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 243; Am. Crow 421; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 102; Black-capped Chickadee 369; Tufted Titmouse **67**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 76; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 3; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 17; Am. Robin 27; N. Mockingbird 6; European Starling 4675; Cedar Waxwing 106; Am. Tree Sparrow 435; Field Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 11; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 19; White-crowned Sparrow 20; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 418; Snow Bunting 183; N. Cardinal 140; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 129; House Finch 147; Am. Goldfinch 268; House Sparrow 514.

Totals: 68 species. **Sponsor:** Genessee West Audubon Society. **Participants:** Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, **Douglas Bassett (Douglas.Bassett@oprhp.state.ny.us)**, Hal Bauer, Don Felix, Maureen Felix, Kurt Fox, Jim Kimball, Hans Kunze, Pat Martin, Gail Moser, Thomas Pedlow, Al Price, Steph Spittle, Jerry Sullivan, Irene Szabo, Bill Welcher.

Lower Hudson [NJLH]
40.73° N 74.03° W. 20 Dec 0920°-30° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear. Observers: 73; Total party-hrs 100.5.

Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 817; Canada Goose 5574; Mute Swan 22; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 179; Am. Wigeon 6; Am. Black Duck 181; Mallard 853; N. Shoveler 62; N. Pintail 4; 'American' Green-winged Teal 102; Canvasback 44; Greater Scaup 60; Lesser Scaup 13; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 129; Co. Goldeneye 5; Hooded Merganser 94; Co. Merganser 109; Red-breasted Merganser 23; Ruddy Duck 298; Ring-necked Pheasant 4; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 5; Double-crested Cormorant 79; Great Cormorant 3; Great Blue Heron 33; Black-crowned Night-Heron 19; Turkey Vulture 62; Bald Eagle 5; N. Harrier 18; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 16; Red-shouldered Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk 44; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 38; Killdeer 11; Greater Yellowlegs CW; Wilson's Snipe 2; Ring-billed Gull 4254; Herring Gull 227; Iceland Gull 4; Great Black-backed Gull 93; Rock Pigeon 1571; Mourning Dove 292; Barn Owl 1; Snowy Owl CW; Long-eared Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 8;

Red-bellied Woodpecker 38; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 17; Downy Woodpecker 52; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 14; N. Shrike CW; Blue Jay 193; Am. Crow 55; Horned Lark 48; Black-capped Chickadee 20; Tufted Titmouse 51; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 34; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 12; Winter Wren 1; Marsh Wren 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 1147; Gray Catbird 5; N. Mockingbird 48; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 6131; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing 35; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 10; **Black-throated Green Warbler 1** MD; Ovenbird 1 ND; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 149; Chipping Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 29; **Grasshopper Sparrow 1** ph; Fox Sparrow 11; Song Sparrow 323; Swamp Sparrow 14; White-throated Sparrow 1342; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 14; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 287; Snow Bunting 129; N. Cardinal 128; Red-winged Blackbird 4015; E. Meadowlark 1; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 5997; Brown-headed Cowbird 33; House Finch 56; Am. Goldfinch 104; House Sparrow 1402.

Total: 101 species. **Participants:** Michael Addis, Oakes Ames, Catherine Barron. Annie Barry, Carl Bernzweig, Cliff Bernzweig, Elise Boeger, Ardith Bondi, Michael Britt, Colton Brown, Natasha Brown, David Burg, Carol A. Butler, Melissa Cooper, Liz Craig, Joe Cruickshank, Nancy Cruickshank, Michael DeCorte, Wolfgang Demisch, Alan Drogin, Jacob Drucker, Edna Duffy, Louisa Eagleton, **Susan Elbin (christmasbirdcount@nycaudubon.org)**, Sarah, Elliott, Tom Fiore, Louise Fraza, Lila Fried, Karen Fung, Adele Gotlib, Elliotte Harold, Lynne Hertzog, Kenneth Hicks, Pat Hilliard, Claus Holzapfel, Anson Jones, Harry Jones, Nina Jones, Jerry Kamlet, Elisabeth Karp, Kate Kate, **Kirsten Klipp**, James Knox, David Krauss, Anne Lazarus, Susan Loesser, Chris Lyons, Harry Maas, Neil Maruca, Chuck McAlexander, Alan Messer, Greg Miller, Malcolm Morris, Peter Mott, Linda Mulaney, Michael Newhouse, Geoffrey Nulle, Josephine Parrilla, Robert O. Paxton, Tom Perlman, Glenn Phillips, Peter Post, Ari Rice, John Rowden, Michael Rusigno, Diane Schenker, Lenore Swenson, Chris Takacs, Don Torino, Matt Wangerin, Kevin Watson, Jim Wright, D. Bruce Yolton.

Massena-Cornwall [NYMC]
44.97° N 74.9° W. 27 Dec 09; 34°-39° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 18; Total party-hrs 50.5.

Canada Goose 153; Mute Swan 1; Gadwall 12; Am. Black Duck 4; Mallard 311; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 9; Co. Goldeneye 1029; Hooded Merganser 7; Co. Merganser 1378; Red-breasted Merganser **28**; Ruffed Grouse 13; Wild Turkey 104; Co. Loon 8; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 3; Bald Eagle 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 9; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 8; Herring Gull 452; Iceland Gull 11; Glaucous Gull 9; Great Black-backed Gull 675; Rock Pigeon 597; Mourning Dove 205; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 1; **Long-eared Owl 1**; **Red-bellied Woodpecker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 45; Hairy Woodpecker 53; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 10; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 228; Am. Crow 4307; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark 4; Black-capped Chickadee 610; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 96; Brown Creeper 9; Am. Robin 35; European Starling 331; Bohemian Waxwing 22; Am. Tree Sparrow 42; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 47; Snow Bunting 186; N. Cardinal 47; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 47; Am. Goldfinch 223; Evening Grosbeak 12; House Sparrow 178.

Total: 59 species. **Participants: Bruce DiLabio (bruce.dilabio@sympatico.ca).**

Mohonk Lake -Ashokan Reservoir [NYML]
41.85° N 74.13° W. 19 Dec 09; 4:00 am-4:30 pm; 15°-24° F; Wind variable 0-5 mph; Snow cover 3-4"; Still water frozen; moving water open; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 36 in 11-11 parties; 11.25 hrs & 129.5 miles owling; Total party-hrs 78.25; party-miles 525.5; 17.5 hrs & 21 miles on foot; 60.75 hrs & 504.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 2,177; Mute Swan 7; **Am. Wigeon 4**; Am. Black Duck 27; Mallard 601; Hooded Merganser 18; Co. Merganser 26; **Red-breasted Merganser 1**; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 47; Horned Grebe 2; Great Blue Heron 1; Black Vulture 8; Turkey Vulture 4; Bald Eagle **4**; N. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk **8**; Cooper's Hawk **6**; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk **65**; Am. Kestrel 4; **Peregrine Falcon 1** ph; Ring-billed Gull 262; Herring Gull 92; Great Black-backed Gull 14; gull sp. 4; Rock Pigeon 226; Mourning Dove 379; E. Screech-Owl **8**; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 65; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 6; Downy Woodpecker **126**; Hairy Woodpecker 28; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 16; Pileated Woodpecker 13; Blue Jay 484; Am. Crow 1,033; Horned Lark 19; Black-capped

Chickadee 335; Tufted Titmouse 324; Red-breasted Nuthatch 17; White-breasted Nuthatch 155; Brown Creeper **20**; Carolina Wren 31; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet **75**; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 58; Hermit Thrush **4**; Am. Robin 140; N. Mockingbird 30; European Starling 1,328; **Am. Pipit 2**; Cedar Waxwing 128; Am. Tree Sparrow 217; Fox Sparrow CW; Song Sparrow 93; Swamp Sparrow **22**; White-throated Sparrow 403; **White-crowned Sparrow 1**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **1,558**; Snow Bunting 1; N. Cardinal **245**; Red-winged Blackbird CW; Co. Grackle CW; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 79; Am. Goldfinch 166; House Sparrow 381.

Totals: 71 species; 11,631 individuals. **Participants:** David Arner, Alan Beebe, Jackie Bogardus, Alan Bowdery, Lynn Bowdery, Mira Bowin, Joe Bridges, **Steve M. Chorvas (schorvas@verizon.net)**, Bea Conover, Matt Corsaro, Tom Crepet, Jane Dean, Mark DeDea, Lin Fagan, Debra Ferguson, Christine Guarino, Jim Marks, Gene McGarry, Jennifer Merriam, Frank Murphy, Jeff Nerp, Julie Noble, David Nyzio, Ev Rifenburg, Bob Rifenburg, Jonathon Rosenthal, Tom Sarro, Peter Schoenberger, Donna Seymour, Tracey Shimer, Shanan Smiley, Selden Spencer, Steve Stanne, John Thompson, Glen Van Gorden, Charlie Woodruff.

LI: Montauk [NYMK]
41.05° N, -72.0° W, 19 Dec 09; 18°-36° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy, heavy snow. Observers: 21; Total party-hrs 40.

Snow Goose 6; Canada Goose 1411; Mute Swan 14; Gadwall 8; Am. Wigeon 4; Am. Black Duck 109; Mallard 332; 'American' Green-winged Teal 1; Canvasback 11; Redhead 1; Ring-necked Duck 1; Greater Scaup 181; Lesser Scaup 24; scaup sp. 30; King Eider 1; Co. Eider 920; Surf Scoter 1328; White-winged Scoter 675; Black Scoter 915; scoter sp. 205; Long-tailed Duck 372; Bufflehead 46; Co. Goldeneye 50; Hooded Merganser 71; Red-breasted Merganser 485; Ruddy Duck 72; Wild Turkey 1; Red-throated Loon 686; Co. Loon 397; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Horned Grebe 25; N. Gannet 1920; Double-crested Cormorant 23; Great Cormorant 8; Great Blue Heron 18; N. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 13; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 2; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 3; Black-bellied Plover 15; Killdeer 3; Ruddy Turnstone 34; Sanderling 150; Purple Sandpiper 7; Dunlin 22; Wilson's Snipe 2; Am. Woodcock 2; Bonaparte's Gull 52; Ring-billed Gull 212; Herring Gull 1436; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 463; Black-legged Kittiwake 27; **Glaucous Gull x Herring Gull (hybrid) 1; jaeger sp. 1**; Razorbill 7; Rock Pigeon 78; Mourning Dove 287; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 11; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 18; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 13; Blue Jay 135; Am. Crow 391; Horned Lark 3; Black-capped Chickadee 230; Tufted Titmouse 36; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 10; Carolina Wren 36; Winter Wren 1; Marsh Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 18; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 5; Hermit Thrush 9; Am. Robin 391; Gray Catbird 4; N. Mockingbird 17; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 1723; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 47; Palm Warbler 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 1; E. Towhee 8; Am. Tree Sparrow 23; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 3; Savannah Sparrow 6; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 167; Swamp Sparrow 13; White-throated Sparrow 504; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 49; Snow Bunting 1; N. Cardinal 132; Red-winged Blackbird 115; E. Meadowlark 4; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; **Baltimore Oriole** 1; House Finch 51; Am. Goldfinch 101; House Sparrow 449.

Total: 109 species. **Participants:** Jim Ash, Andrew Baksh, Gail Benson, Bobby Berlingeri, Janice Berlingeri, Thomas Burke, Vicki Bustamante, Andrew Farnsworth, John Gluth, Andrew Guthrie, Pat Jones, Patricia Lindsay, Shai Mitra, Bob Paxton, Sarah Plimpton, Barbara Rubinstein, Karen Rubinstein, Naoko Tanese, John Todaro, Miles Todaro, **Angus Wilson (oceanwanderers@gmail.com)**, Marguerite Wolffsohn.

Montezuma [NYMZ]
43.0° N 76.73° W, 19 Dec 09; 7-23° F; AM partly clear; PM partly clear. Observers: 37; total party-hours: 139.75.

Snow Goose 15; **Cackling Goose** 1; Canada Goose 37,609; Trumpeter Swan 68; Tundra Swan 89; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 5; Am. Black Duck 232; Mallard 337; Redhead 1; Ring-necked Duck 6; Hooded Merganser 22; Co. Merganser 59; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 121; **Co. Loon 1**; Great Blue Heron 15; Bald Eagle 20; N. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 164; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 1; **Peregrine**

Falcon 2 US; Am. Coot CW; **Sandhill Crane 1**; Ring-billed Gull 174; Herring Gull 240; Black-backed Gull 1; gull sp. 20; Rock Pigeon 772; Mourning Dove 532; E. Screech-Owl 35; Great Horned Owl 13; Barred Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 13; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 87; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 155; Hairy Woodpecker 43; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 33; Pileated Woodpecker 13; N. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 262; Am. Crow 1294; Horned Lark 138; Black-capped Chickadee 419; Tufted Titmouse 86; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 120; Brown Creeper 11; Carolina Wren 2; Winter Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 17; E. Bluebird 82; Am. Robin 647; Gray Catbird 1; N. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 1740; Cedar Waxwing 303; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 593; Song Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 73; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 436; Snow Bunting 239; N. Cardinal 236; Red-winged Blackbird 96; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 227; House Finch 149; Am. Goldfinch 230; House Sparrow 437.

Total: 79 species; 48,767 individuals. **Participants:** Shawn Billerman, Camille Burns, Dave Cameron, Laurel Carney, Mary Dreiling, Jim Eckler, Crystal Evener, Riley Evener, Tyler Evener, Sheila Ferrari, Chuck Gibson, William Gillette, Sheryl Gracewski, **Jane Graves (jgraves@skidmore.edu)**, Bob Guthrie, Chris Kenyon, Leona Lauster, Dave Marsh, Linda Marsh, Anita Messina, Frank Morlock, Tom Nash, Linda Potter, Carolyn Ragan, Dave Robertson, Nate Senner, Robert Spahn, Dave Spier, George Steele, **Carol Stokes-Cawley (cstokes-cawley@audubon.org)**, Lizzy Stokes-Cawley, Kathy Stickland, Georgena Terry, Wes Utter, Kathy Wakefield, John Warner, Terry Warner.

Monticello [NYMT]
41.57° N 74.63° W; 26 Dec 09; 30°-34° F; AM foggy, light rain; PM foggy, light rain; 19 observers. Total party-hrs 45.

Snow Goose 2; Canada Goose 440; Wood Duck 10; Am. Black Duck 62; Mallard 384; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 3; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 108; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; Bald Eagle 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 4; Ring-billed Gull 65; Herring Gull 85; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 125; Mourning Dove 119; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 50; Hairy Woodpecker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 109; Am. Crow 158; Black-capped Chickadee 441; Tufted Titmouse 124; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 53; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 9; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 9; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 19; Am. Robin 7; Gray Catbird 1; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 314; Cedar Waxwing 147; Am. Tree Sparrow 63; Song Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 18; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 174; Snow Bunting 1; N. Cardinal 61; House Finch 2; Am. Goldfinch 102; House Sparrow 92.

Total: 53 species. **Sponsor:** Sullivan County Audubon Society. **Participants:** Paula Baldinger, Scott Baldinger, Arlene Borko, Mary Collier, Bill Cutler, Bill Fiero, Valerie Freer, Margaret Gorton, Scott Graber John Haas, Ed McGee, Ruth McKoen, Deanna Mendels, **Daniel Niven (dniven@audubon.org)**, Barbara Schmitt, Ken Schmitt, Kathy Scullion, Ruth Shursky, Lance VerDame.

New Woodstock-Southern Highlands [NYNW]
42.85° N 75.82° W. 3 Jan 10; 5°-15° F; AM cloudy, heay snow; PM cloudy, light–heavy snow. Observers: 17; Total party-hrs 47.5.

Canada Goose 584; Am. Black Duck 17; Mallard 136; 'American' Green-winged Teal CW; Hooded Merganser CW; Ring-necked Pheasant CW; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 175; Great Blue Heron CW; Bald Eagle 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk CW; Cooper's Hawk 3; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 17; Rough-legged Hawk 6; Am. Kestrel 1; **Merlin 1**; Ring-billed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 7; Mourning Dove 185; Great Horned Owl CW; Barred Owl CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 70; Hairy Woodpecker 22; Pileated Woodpecker 1 LC; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 153; Am. Crow 979; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 208; Black-capped Chickadee 757; Tufted Titmouse **39**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 28; Brown Creeper 1 LC; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 16; **Gray Catbird 1**; European Starling 939; Cedar Waxwing 113; Am. Tree Sparrow 107; Song Sparrow CW; White-throated Sparrow 14; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **314**; Lapland Longspur **3** Snow Bunting 348; N. Cardinal **62**; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch **51**; House Finch 45; Red Crossbill 2; Am. Goldfinch 225; Evening Grosbeak 5; House Sparrow 181.

Total: 51 species. **Participants:** Joseph Brin, Ken Burdick, Rose Burdick, Ron Chiarello, Linda Christy, Marilyn Fais, Peter Harrity, Bobbi Monroe, Kevin Pace, Bill Purcell, **Judy Read (jaread@twcny.rr.com)**, Jean Ryan, Linda Salter, Bill Snyder, C. Spagnoli, Douglas West, **Matthew Young (grosbeak@clarityconnect.com).**

Niagara Falls [ONNF]
43.17° N 79.07° W. 14 Dec 06; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 34; Total party-hrs 112.0.

Cackling Goose 4; Canada Goose **7138**; Mute Swan **29**; Tundra Swan 7; Gadwall 8; Am. Wigeon 39; Am. Black Duck 26; Mallard 795; N. Pintail 1; **'American' Green-winged Teal 1**; duck sp. 41; Canvasback 21; Redhead **270**; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 429; Lesser Scaup 14; scaup sp. 46; White-winged Scoter 717; Long-tailed Duck 1505; Bufflehead 101; Co. Goldeneye 330; Hooded Merganser 27; Co. Merganser 496; Red-breasted Merganser 798; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 44; Red-throated Loon 4; Co. Loon 7; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 1; Red-necked Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant 8 LC; Great Blue Heron 13; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-tailed Hawk 119; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 23; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 1; Little Gull 3; Bonaparte's Gull 8304; Ring-billed Gull 1716; California Gull 1; Herring Gull 3419; Iceland Gull 14; Lesser Black-backed Gull 5; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 155; gull sp. 117; Rock Pigeon 548; Mourning Dove 819; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 5; Long-eared Owl 8; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 49; Downy Woodpecker 93; Hairy Woodpecker 14; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 26; Pileated Woodpecker 1; N. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 302; Am. Crow 256; Horned Lark 32; Black-capped Chickadee 343; Tufted Titmouse 19; Red-breasted Nuthatch 11; White-breasted Nuthatch 57; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 22; Winter Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 9; E. Bluebird 30; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 778; N. Mockingbird 27; European Starling 33470; Cedar Waxwing 75; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 13; Am. Tree Sparrow 204; Song Sparrow 10; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 20; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 269; **'Oregon' Dark-eyed Junco 1**; Snow Bunting **824**; N. Cardinal 189; Red-winged Blackbird **361**; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 185; House Finch 239; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 337; finch sp. 40; House Sparrow 1275.

Total: 95 species. **Participants: Kayo Roy (kayoroy@niagara.com).**

LI: Northern Nassau County [NYNN]
40.8667° N -73.6° W. 19 Dec 09; 7:00 am-3:30 pm; 28°-29° F; Wind NW 10-35 mph; Snow cover 1"; Still water partly frozen; moving water open; AM rain; PM snow. Observers: 64 in 26-1 parties; 8.25 hrs & 25.5 miles owling; Total party-hrs 107; party-miles 295.5; 76.5 hrs & 68.5 miles on foot; 30.5 hrs & 227 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 223; Canada Goose 8686; Mute Swan 144; Wood Duck 5; Gadwall 153; Am. Wigeon 54; Am. Black Duck 809; Mallard 2323; N. Shoveler 12; N. Pintail 9; Green-winged Teal 22; Canvasback 52; Ring-necked Duck 16; Greater Scaup **20,095**; Surf Scoter 2; White-winged Scoter 6; Long-tailed Duck 153; Bufflehead 678; Co. Goldeneye 180; Hooded Merganser 70; Co. Merganser 1 LC; Red-breasted Merganser 206; Ruddy Duck 160; duck sp. x Mallard 7; Wild Turkey CW; Red-throated Loon 5; Co. Loon 15; Horned Grebe 3; Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 34; Great Egret **4**; **Green Heron 1**; Black-crowned Night Heron 1; **Turkey Vulture CW**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-tailed hawk 39; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 1 LC; Killdeer 5 LC; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Sanderling 45; Purple Sandpiper 1; Wilson's Snipe **4**; Am. Woodcock 2; Ring-billed Gull 1991; Herring Gull 1206; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 66; Rock Pigeon **818**; Mourning Dove 576; E. Screech-Owl 14; Great Horned Owl 11; Belted Kingfisher 19; Red-bellied Woodpecker 132; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **14**; Downy Woodpecker 99; Hairy Woodpecker 25; N. Flicker 44; Blue Jay 292; Am. Crow 173; Fish Crow 1 LC; **Co. Raven CW**; Black-capped Chickadee 217; Tufted Titmouse 86; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted nuthatch 73; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 54; Winter Wren 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 64; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 16; E. Bluebird 1; Hermit Thrush 10; Am. Robin **1925**; Gray Catbird 9; N. Mockingbird 45; European Starling 1559; Cedar Waxwing 247; Yellow-rumped Warbler 23; E. Towhee **12**; Am. Tree Sparrow 40; Chipping Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow CW; Fox Sparrow 15; Song Sparrow 219; Swamp Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow **1453**; Dark-eyed Junco 548; Snow Bunting 25; N. Cardinal 317; Red-winged Blackbird 42; Rusty Blackbird 17; Co. Grackle 505; Brown-headed Cowbird 15; Purple Finch 12; House Finch 172; Am. Goldfinch 336; House Sparrow 259 LC.

Totals: 96 species; 48,071 individuals. **Participants:** Pat Aitken, Chris Anderson, Mary Beth, Brent E Bomkamp, Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, Blair Broughton, Lauren Byrde, Chase Cammarota, Ralph Cioffi, Kerri Citterbark, Barbara Connolly, Sam Crosby, Simone DaRos, Henry Dam, James Madden, Dan Mahoney, Ginger Mahoney, Peggy Maslow, Ralph Matragrano, Bob May, Helen McClure, Stephanie Meister, Stella Miller, Wendy Murbach, Donald G Niddrie, Lindy Nielsen, Lynne Normandia, Mary Normandia, Mary Eschwei, Sue Feustal, Ken Feustal, Catherine Fitts, Brendan Fogarty, Richard Furman, John Gaglione, Ken Harris, Sam Jannazzo, Linda Kedenburg, Rick Kedenburg, Maria Kelly, David Klauber, Gunnar Kleeman, Norman Klein, Allan Lindberg, Lois Lindberg, Jerry Platt, Jason Pletrzak, Greg Prelich, Zu Proly, Antonio Quinn, **Glenn Quinn (glennq@verizon.net)**, William Reeves, Derek Rogers, Richard Ryder, Steven Schellenger, Vinnie Schiappa, John Taylor. Russel Taylor, Aaron Virgon, Jennifer Wilson-Pines, Anne Winters-Pletrzak.

Oak Orchard Swamp [NYOO]
43.13° N 78.37° W; 27 Dec 09; 28°-33° F; AM partly cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 25 observers. Total party-hrs 84.25.

Cackling Goose 1; Canada Goose 3396; Am. Wigeon 26; Am. Black Duck 158; Mallard 1427; N. Pintail 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 5; Ruffed Grouse 1; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 7; Bald Eagle 3; N. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 67; Am. Kestrel 10; Ring-billed Gull 133; Herring Gull 21; Great Black-backed Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 386; Mourning Dove 515; E. Screech-Owl **25**; Great Horned Owl 16; Barred Owl 4; Long-eared Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 2; N. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 60; Downy Woodpecker 126; Hairy Woodpecker 38; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 10; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 139; Am. Crow 621; Horned Lark 32; Black-capped Chickadee 400; Tufted Titmouse 32; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 81; Brown Creeper 18; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 17; E. Bluebird 10; Am. Robin 6; N. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 2509; Cedar Waxwing 28; Am. Tree Sparrow 351; Song Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 7; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 159; Snow Bunting 99; N. Cardinal 93; Red-winged Blackbird 157; Rusty Blackbird 2; **Brewer's Blackbird 1**; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 29; House Finch 55; Co. Redpoll 2; Am. Goldfinch 262; House Sparrow 669.

Total: 65 species. **Participants:** Douglas Bassett, Douglas Beattie, Greg Conigilio, Melissa Coniglio, Elaine Dart, Kurt Fox, David Friedrich, Mike Galas, Tad Gerace, Jack Hartwig, Christopher Hollister, Kyle Horton, Pat Martin, Mahlon Miller, Nancy Miller, Celeste Morien, Gwendolyn Morien, Thomas Morien, James Oehterski, Jim Pawlicki, Gerry Rising, Gail Seamans, William Watson, Sr., Elizabeth Wells, Jim Wells.

Old Forge [NYOF]
43.73° N 74.95° W. 19 Dec 09; -10°-10° F; AM clear; PM clear. Observers: 3; party-hrs 22.

Ruffed Grouse 14; Wild Turkey 42; **Red-throated Loon CW**; Bald Eagle CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk CW; Mourning Dove 1; Barred Owl CW; Downy Woodpecker 24; Hairy Woodpecker 25; Black-backed Woodpecker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 36; Am. Crow 5; Co. Raven 9; Black-capped Chickadee 275; Tufted Titmouse 6; Red-breasted Nuthatch 22; White-breasted Nuthatch 42; Brown Creeper 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; European Starling 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco CW; Am. Goldfinch 282; Evening Grosbeak CW.

Total: 19 species. **Participants:** Don Kelly, Bill Labes, **Gary Lee (eightacrewoodmouse@hotmail.com)**.

Oneida [NYOD]
43.08° N 75.65° W. 1 Jan 10; 5:45 am-5:00 pm; 28°-35° F; Wind W 4-14 mph; Snow cover 3"; Still water frozen; moving water partly open; AM cloudy light rain/snow; PM cloudy light rain/snow. Observers: 9 in 5 parties; 1.25 hrs & 11 miles owling; Total party-hrs 38.25; party-miles 398.4; 6 hrs & 4.5 miles on foot; 32.25 hrs & 393.9 miles by car.

Snow Goose (white form) 2; Canada Goose 1950; Am. Black Duck 62; Mallard 327; Am. Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid) 7; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 17; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk **8**; Red-tailed Hawk **92**; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 5; Ring-billed Gull 489; Herring Gull 136; Great Black-backed Gull 71; Rock Pigeon **872**; Mourning Dove **919**; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 6; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 13; Downy Woodpecker 52; Hairy Woodpecker 17; "Yellow-

shafted' N. Flicker 6; Blue Jay 91; Am. Crow **3948**; Horned Lark 6; Black-capped Chickadee 397; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 46; Am. Robin 3; European Starling 3177; Cedar Waxwing 37; Am. Tree Sparrow 242; Song Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow 11; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 81; Snow Bunting 35; N. Cardinal 36; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 68; Am. Goldfinch 153; House Sparrow 277.

Totals: 52 species; 13,796 individuals. **Participants:** Dave Baldrini, **Brenda Best (bestbird@verizon.net)**, Gene Huggins, Doug Linstruth, Kevin McGann, Bill Parkin, Bill Purcell, John Rogers, Sue Rogers.

Oneonta [NYOT]
42.55° N 74.98° W; 19 Dec 09; 11°-23° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 25 observers. Total party-hrs 54.75.

Canada Goose 703; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 73; Co. Merganser 13; Ruffed Grouse 8; Wild Turkey 381; Bald Eagle 3; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 5; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 46; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 496; Mourning Dove 311; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 4; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 71; Hairy Woodpecker 42; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 1; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 487; Am. Crow 772; Co. Raven 6; Black-capped Chickadee 790; Tufted Titmouse 93; Red-breasted Nuthatch 23; White-breasted Nuthatch 70; Carolina Wren 1; European Starling 1227; Cedar Waxwing 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 60; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 193; Snow Bunting 222; N. Cardinal 51; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 11; House Finch 54; Am. Goldfinch 142; House Sparrow 120.

Total: 48 species. **Participants:** Dianne Benko, Sandra Bright, Jerry Cahill, Gerianne Carillo, Rod Carter, Richard DeRosa, Bob Donnelly, Peter Fauth, Cherylyn Greiner, Jim Hall, Elma Holway, Marion Karl, David Kiehm, Ann Kienhusen, Barbara Marsala, Andy Mason, **J. Robert Miller (millerj3@hartwick.edu)**, Jean Miller, Eleanor Moriarty, Betty New, Nancy New, John Peterson, Charles Scheim, Cathy Stackhaus, Jim Wheeling.

LI: Orient [NYOR]
41°06' N 72°20' W. 2 Jan 10; 6:00 am-5:00 pm; 25°-34° F; Wind N 20-40 mph; Snow cover 2-8"; Still water frozen; Moving water open; AM Snowing; PM Snowing. Observers: 57 in 9-22 parties; 8.25 hrs & 29.75 miles owling; Total party-hrs 116.75; party-miles 357.7; 65 hrs & 60.7 miles on foot; 51 hrs & 287.7 miles by car.

Brant 12; Canada Goose 2929; Mute Swan 140; Wood Duck 4; Gadwall 11; Am. Wigeon 5; Am. Black Duck 644; Mallard 261; N. Pintail 6; **'American' Green-winged Teal 27**; Canvasback 3 LC; Ring-necked Duck 31; Greater Scaup 36; Lesser Scaup 2; scaup sp. 8; Commom Eider **61; Harlequin Duck 1**; Surf Scoter 576; White-winged Scoter 519; Black Scoter 100; scoter sp. 10; Long-tailed Duck 921; Bufflehead 956; Co. Goldeneye 766; **Barrow's Goldeneye 1**; Hooded Merganser 65; Red-breasted Merganser 571; Ruddy Duck 1 LC; Ring-necked Pheasant 6; Wild Turkey 20; N. Bobwhite CW; Red-throated Loon 9; Co. Loon 114; Horned Grebe 36; N. Gannet 5; Double-crested Cormorant 5; Great Cormorant 7; cormorant sp. 1; Great Blue Heron 18; N. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 7; N. Goshawk CW; Red-shouldered Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk 20; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 3; Ruddy Turnstone 4; Sanderling 61; Purple Sandpiper 3; Dunlin 13; Bonaparte's Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 943; Herring Gull 1695; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; **Glaucous Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 200; **Razorbill 1**; Rock Pigeon 75; Mourning Dove 243; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 12; Belted Kingfisher 10; **Red-headed Woodpecker 2;** Red-bellied Woodpecker 84; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 86; Hairy Woodpecker 27; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 96; E. Phoebe CW; Blue Jay 342; Am. Crow 817; **Fish Crow 1**; Horned Lark 5; Black-capped Chickadee 285; Tufted Titmouse 202; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 73; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 96; Winter Wren 3; **Marsh Wren 2**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 16; **Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3**; E. Bluebird 13; Hermit Thrush 24; Am. Robin **1780**; Gray Catbird 14; N. Mockingbird 60; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 2720; Cedar Waxwing 12; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 64; E. Towhee 27; Am. Tree Sparrow 24; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 13; **Vesper Sparrow 2**; Savannah Sparrow 7; Fox Sparrow 17; Song Sparrow 187; Swamp Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 1024; **White-crowned Sparrow 2**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 168; N.

Cardinal 297; Red-winged Blackbird 141; Ea. Meadowlark (CW) Co. Grackle 9; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; House Finch 428; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 68; House Sparrow 131.

Totals: 108 species; 21,616 individuals. **Participants:** Bob Adamo, Jim Benson, Susan Benson, Steve Biasetti, Tim Bohen, Scott Boomer, Kevin Brooks, John Brush Jr., John Brush Sr., Vicki Bustamante, Jim Clinton, Jr., Jim Clinton III, Mel Cowgill, Tom Damiani, Al Daniels, Bob Gelling, Carol Gelling, Bob Gerdts, Eileen Gerle, John Gluth, Nick Hamblet, Mike Higgiston, Phil Jermaine, Tom Johann, Linda Kedenburg, Rick Kedenburg, Payton King, Ellen Kornhauser, Eric Lamont, **MaryLaura Lamont (elamont@optonline.net) 717 Sound Shore Rd., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901,** Mike Laspia, Susan Laspia, Sandra Maury, Kevin McDonnell, Rob McGuiness, John McNeil, Wendy Mead, Tom Moran, Kevin Nolan, Nancy Pearson, Larry Penny, Sandra Reynolds, Rich Sautkulis, Mike Scheibel, Eileen Schwinn, John Sep, Conor Shea, Dan Skabeikis, Carl Starace, Peter Stoutenburgh, Linda Sullivan, Terry Sullivan, Sally Swain, Diana Teta, John Vanek, Rich Willot, Richard Wines.

Oswego-Fulton [NYOS]

43.3667 ° N -76.45 ° W. 20 Dec 09; 6:15 am-5:00 pm; 16°-29° F; Wind NW 0-12 mph; Snow cover 6"; Still water partly open; moving water partly frozen; AM Clear; PM Clear. Observers: 9 in 6 parties; 1.25 hrs & 16 miles owling; Total party-hrs 39.25; party-miles 279.5; 16.25 hrs & 15.5 miles on foot; 23 hrs & 264 miles by car.

Canada Goose 2102; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 14; Mallard 609; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 2; White-winged Scoter 4; Long-tailed Duck 6; Bufflehead 5; Co. Goldeneye 26; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 97; Red-breasted Merganser 5; Wild Turkey 10; Co. Loon CW; Double-crested Cormorant 4; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 24; Am. Kestrel 1; Am. Coot CW; Ring-billed Gull 620; Herring Gull 103; Great Black-backed Gull 43; Rock Pigeon 577; Mourning Dove 131; E. Screech-Owl CW; Great Horned Owl **8**; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **24**; Downy Woodpecker 67; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 1; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 87; Am. Crow 267; Co. Raven **4**; Black-capped Chickadee 334; Tufted Titmouse 36; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 40; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 22; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 976; Cedar Waxwing 101; Am. Tree Sparrow 118; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 58; Snow Bunting 1; N. Cardinal 26; Purple Finch 10; House Finch 64; Am. Goldfinch 61; House Sparrow 335.

Totals: 58 species; 4444 individuals. **Participants:** Dave Baldrini, Brenda Best, Sue Boettger, Joe Brin, Bill Gruenbaum, Kevin McGann, **Bill Purcell (wpurcell@twcny.rr.com)**, Margaret Rusk, Jim Tarolli.

Owego [NYOW]

42.12° N 76.35° W; 27 Dec 09; 29°-41° F; AM foggy; PM clear; 19 observers. Total party-hrs 53.

Canada Goose 1127; Am. Black Duck 6; Mallard 46; Co. Merganser 15; Ruffed Grouse 1 LC; Wild Turkey 144; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 2; N. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 64; Rough-legged Hawk 8; Am. Kestrel 5; Ring-billed Gull 12; Herring Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 553; Mourning Dove 175; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 16; Downy Woodpecker 61; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 188; Am. Crow 739; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 427; Tufted Titmouse 78; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 60; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 7; E. Bluebird 96; N. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 2047; Cedar Waxwing 59; Am. Tree Sparrow 18 LC; Song Sparrow 1 LC; White-throated Sparrow 6 LC; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 113 N. Cardinal 65; House Finch 158; Am. Goldfinch 72; House Sparrow 204.

Total: 47 species. **Participants:** Jeannette Baldwin, Lois Bingley, Martin Borko, Eleanor Ernst, Derek Green, Spencer Hunt, Diane Krein, David McCartt, Ron Milliken, Tom Morse, **Rita Pantle (rjpbird@frontiernet.net)**, Robert Pantle, Sandy Rosenberger, Joe Sedlacek, Lisa Sklener, George Wade, Don Weber, Joanne Weber, Colleen Wolpert.

Pawling (Hidden Valley) [NYHV]

41.5333° N 73.5667° W. 1 Jan 01; 1:15 am-5:00 pm; 22°-38° F; Wind SW 0-3 mph; Snow cover 2-4"; Still water frozen; moving water partly open; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 37 in 12-16

parties; 8 hrs & 95 miles owling; Total party-hrs 188; party-miles 891.75; 49.5 hrs & 59.5 miles on foot; 138 hrs & 832 miles by car.

Canada Goose **12,311**; Mute Swan 40; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 68; Mallard 398; Ring-necked Duck 8 LC; Hooded Merganser 55; Co. Merganser 200 LC; Ruddy Duck 5 LC; Wild Turkey 76; Great Blue Heron 2; Black Vulture 2; Bald Eagle 9; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 10; N. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk **6**; Red-tailed Hawk **90**; **Rough-legged Hawk 1**; **Merlin 1**; Wilson's Snipe 2; Ring-billed Gull 230; Herring Gull 12 LC; Great Black-backed Gull 2 LC; Rock Pigeon 101; Mourning Dove 282; E. Screech-Owl 18; Great Horned Owl 7; Barred Owl 3; Northern Saw-whet Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 82; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **33**; Downy Woodpecker 180; Hairy Woodpecker 32; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 44; Pileated Woodpecker **33**; E. Phoebe 1; Blue Jay **510**; Am. Crow 835; Fish Crow 3; Co. Raven 16; Black-capped Chickadee 563; Tufted Titmouse 317; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 140; Brown Creeper 13; Carolina Wren **58**; Winter Wren 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 30; E. Bluebird 63; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 1085; Gray Catbird 4; N. Mockingbird 39; European Starling 1615; Cedar Waxwing 29 LC; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 4; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 221; Field Sparrow 2 LC; **Vesper Sparrow 1** ph; Savannah Sparrow 12; Song Sparrow 141; Swamp Sparrow **18**; White-throated Sparrow **853**; White-crowned Sparrow **3**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 770; N. Cardinal 226; Red-winged Blackbird **493**; Co. Grackle 338; Brown-headed Cowbird **449**; House Finch 189; Am. Goldfinch 229; House Sparrow 216.

Totals: 76 species; 23873 individuals. **Participants:** Pat Bailey, Don Breeger, Barbara Butler, Betsy Carswell, Bob Cartoceti, **Angela Dimmitt**, Jim Dugan, Jacob Ebinger, Larry Fischer, Dotty Fleury, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Sibyll Gilbert, Josh Hamilton, Linton Hamilton, Iona Haskell, Rodney Johnson, Margery Josephson, Anne Kehmna, Dennis Larkin, Kelly Liao, Sariena Masievo, Allan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Judy Kelley Moberg, Russ Naylor, Nancy Nichols, Maryanne Pitts, **Carena Pooth (carena@prodigy.net)**, Adrienne Popko, Sally Spence, Nick Thold, Herb Thompson, Jim Utter, Chet Vincent, Ricky Vogel, Bill Wallace.

Peekskill [NYPE]
41.25° N 73.85° W; 19 Dec 09; 18°-28° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy, light snow; 36 observers. Total party-hrs 139.75.

Snow Goose 2; Canada Goose 4353; Mute Swan **185**; Wood Duck **21**; Gadwall 25; Am. Black Duck 196; Mallard 1244; 'Am.' Green-winged Teal 5; Canvasback 11; Redhead CW; Ring-necked Duck 92; Lesser Scaup 4; Bufflehead **232**; Co. Goldeneye 22; Hooded Merganser 200; Co. Merganser 771; Ruddy Duck 1010; Wild Turkey 11; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Great Cormorant **46**; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 12; Black Vulture 33; Turkey Vulture 44; Bald Eagle 29; N. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 81; Peregrine Falcon **3**; Am. Coot CW; Am. Woodcock 1; Ring-billed Gull 889; Herring Gull 24; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 166; Mourning Dove 167; E. Screech-Owl 10; Great Horned Owl 5; Barred Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 13; Red-bellied Woodpecker **103**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **35**; Downy Woodpecker 173; Hairy Woodpecker 32; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 19; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Blue Jay 327; Am. Crow 894; Fish Crow 3; Co. Raven 7; Black-capped Chickadee 539; Tufted Titmouse 316; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 225; Brown Creeper 27; Carolina Wren 57; Winter Wren 12; Golden-crowned Kinglet 74; Ruby-crowned Kinglet **19**; E. Bluebird 20; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 589; Gray Catbird 8; N. Mockingbird 28; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 2116; Am. Pipit CW; Cedar Waxwing 274; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 4; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 204; Field Sparrow 14; Savannah Sparrow 21; Fox Sparrow 10; Song Sparrow 284; Swamp Sparrow 18; White-throated Sparrow **1037**; White-crowned Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1174; Snow Bunting 1; N. Cardinal 198; Red-winged Blackbird 273; Rusty Blackbird 29; Co. Grackle 235; Brown-headed Cowbird 92; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 45; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 145; House Sparrow 360.

Total: 88 species. **Participants:** John Askildsen **(askildsen@verizon.net)**, Kyle Bardwell, John Barone, Kelli Bochnik, Michael Bochnik, Phyllis Bock, Tom Cavano, Justine Davenport, Chris Drury, Nicole Drury, Walter Fowler, John Grant, Arthur Green, Ed Higgins, Rik Kaufman, Max Kogut, Michael Kogut, Daniel Littrell, Richard Machin, Ryan McLean, **Michael Newhouse**, Joseph O'Connell, Ralph Odell, Paul Oehrlein, Ponie Sheehan, David Small, Christine Smith, Erin Smithies-Baker, Anne Swaim, Bonnie Tallieto, Larry Trachtenberg, James Utter, Benjamin Van Doren, William Wallace, Joe Zygala.

Plattsburgh [NYPL]
44.65° N 73.48° W; 20 Dec 09; 4°-12° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 35 observers. Total party-hrs 60.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 185; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 646; Bufflehead 2; Co. Goldeneye 594; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 384; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 6; Wild Turkey 61; **Red-throated Loon 1**; Co. Loon 2; Horned Grebe 3; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 2; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 18; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Ring-billed Gull 145; Herring Gull 82; Great Black-backed Gull 31; Rock Pigeon 730; Mourning Dove 263; E. Screech-Owl 1; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 73; Hairy Woodpecker 38; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Blue Jay 221; Am. Crow 3753; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark 67; Black-capped Chickadee 583; Tufted Titmouse 23; Red-breasted Nuthatch 20; White-breasted Nuthatch 60; Brown Creeper 3; **House Wren 1**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 7; Am. Robin 24; N. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 671; Cedar Waxwing 24; Am. Tree Sparrow 131; White-throated Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 291; Snow Bunting 307; N. Cardinal 108; Red-winged Blackbird 5; Brown-headed Cowbird 36; House Finch 46; Am. Goldfinch 566; House Sparrow 194.

Total: 57 species. **Participants:** Derek Allan, Tom Armstrong, Bob Booth, Helen Booth, John Brown, Gwendoline Canteenwalla, Jim Cayea, Joy Cayea, Joan Clark, Julie Dumas, Keitha Farney, Elizabeth Fitts, Peter Galvani, Melissa Hart, **Judith Heintz (heintzjf@verizon.net)**, Harold Klein, William Krueger, Linda LaPan, Julie Lattrell, Liz Laundrie, Larry Master, Brian McAllister, **Melanie McCormack (mruddyduck@aol.com)**, Janet Miluc, Nancy Olsen, Carol Pinney, Jeffrey Rose, Michelle Snyder, Janet Stein, Gary Sturgis, Irma Teittinen, Saana Teittinen-Gordon, Amy Valentine, Dan Vogt.

Putnam County [NYPC]
41.4° N 73.8° W; 2 Jan 10; 26°-31° F; AM cloudy, light-heavy snow; PM cloudy, none-light snow; 48 observers. Total party-hrs 105.

Canada Goose **2805**; Mute Swan 13; Wood Duck 7; Am. Black Duck 107; Mallard 370; Ring-necked Duck 18; Bufflehead 2; Hooded Merganser 202; Co. Merganser 177; Ruddy Duck 40; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 62; Great Cormorant **3**; Great Blue Heron 2; Black Vulture 23; Turkey Vulture 15; Bald Eagle 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk **9**; Red-shouldered Hawk **6**; Red-tailed Hawk 42; Ring-billed Gull 1161; Herring Gull 7; Great Black-backed Gull 5; Rock Pigeon 89; Mourning Dove 150; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker **104**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 15; Downy Woodpecker 117; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 33; Pileated Woodpecker 22; Blue Jay 330; Am. Crow 482; Co. Raven 8; Black-capped Chickadee 629; Tufted Titmouse 426; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 204; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 55; Winter Wren 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet 53; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 75; Hermit Thrush 9; Am. Robin **1210**; Gray Catbird 5; N. Mockingbird 15; European Starling 448; Cedar Waxwing 146; Yellow-rumped 'Myrtle' Warbler 1; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 155; Field Sparrow 11; Savannah Sparrow **4**; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 105; Swamp Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow **1079**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1198; N. Cardinal 303; Red-winged Blackbird 104; Co. Grackle 41; Brown-headed Cowbird 152; House Finch 78; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 166; House Sparrow 264.

Total: 73 species. **Participants:** Jane Alexander, Rich Anderson, John Askildsen, Kirsten Askildsen, Barry Babcock, Kyle Bardwell, Patti Carano, Tom Carano, Betsy Carswell, Pete Charbaroneau, Justine Davenport, Russell Davenport, Nancy Durr, Angela Gorman, Chris Gorman, Christina Gorman, Teresa Gorman, John Grant, Pat Grove, Maha Katnani, Rik Kaufman, Judy Kelley, Ian Kingsley, Lew Kingsley, Rich Machin, Paul Maus, Stephanie McGuire, Matt McCluskey, Cathy McCluskey, Allan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Nicole Miller, Ralph Odell, Renee Palay-Bain, John Plutino, Michael Presutti, Charlie Roberto **(chasrob@optonline.net)**, Ponie Sheehan, Robert Slechta, David Small, Christine Smith, Anne Swain, Jim Switzer, Lauri Taylor, Larry Trachtenberg, Jim Utter, Bill Wallace, Betsy Wiesendanger.

LI: Queens [NYQU]
40.7° N 73.75° W. 3 Jan 10; 18°-25° F; Observers: 27; Total party-hrs 67.25.

Snow Goose 598; 'Atlantic' Brant 537; Canada Goose 3062; Mute Swan 12; Gadwall 102; Am. Wigeon 50; Am. Black Duck 372; Mallard 819; N. Shoveler 20; 'American' Green-winged

Teal 87; Canvasback 24; Redhead 6; Ring-necked Duck 13; Greater Scaup 295; Lesser Scaup 101; scaup sp. 50; **Co. Eider 20**; Black Scoter 11; Long-tailed Duck 12; Bufflehead 381; Co. Goldeneye 10; Hooded Merganser 71; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 403; Ruddy Duck 470; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Red-throated Loon 4; Co. Loon 4; Pied-billed Grebe CW; Horned Grebe 8; N. Gannet 7; Double-crested Cormorant 48; Great Cormorant 4; Great Blue Heron 33; Black-crowned Night-Heron 7; N. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk 8; Peregrine Falcon 6; Am. Coot 60; Killdeer 2; Sanderling 79; Dunlin 31; Am. Woodcock CW; Bonaparte's Gull 10; Ring-billed Gull 1983; Herring Gull 812; Great Black-backed Gull 101; Rock Pigeon 661; Mourning Dove 114; Monk Parakeet 20; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 28; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 18; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 6; Blue Jay 12; Am. Crow 25; Black-capped Chickadee 19; Tufted Titmouse 24; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 24; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 59; N. Mockingbird 20; European Starling 1420; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 54; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 10; Savannah Sparrow 5; Fox Sparrow 18; Song Sparrow 41; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 323; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 80; Snow Bunting 43; N. Cardinal 100; Red-winged Blackbird 8; E. Meadowlark 7; Rusty Blackbird 65; Co. Grackle 200; Boat-tailed Grackle 3; House Finch 15; Am. Goldfinch 44; House Sparrow 204.

Totals: 90 species; 14,443 individuals. **Participants:** Richard Aracil, George Dadone, Robert Dieterich, Corey Finger, Linda Kedenburg, Bernard Klempner, Linda Klempner, Alexei Kondratiev, Stuart Lipkin, Jean Loscalzo, Danny Melore, Eric Miller, Steven Plust, **Ian Resnick (avian@nyc.rr.com)**, Donna Schulman, Gary Straus, Lou Widerka.

LI: Quogue-Watermill [NYQW]
40.8667° N 72.4667° W. 19 Dec 09; 27°-33° F; AM Cloudy; PM Heavy Snow. Observers: 28; Total party-hrs 59.5.

Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 243; Canada Goose 789; Mute Swan 286; Gadwall 25; Eurasian Wigeon CW; Am. Wigeon 36; Am. Black Duck 1222; Mallard 1071; N. Shoveler 2; N. Pintail 4; 'American' Green-winged Teal 3; Canvasback 39; Redhead 2; Ring-necked Duck 95; Greater Scaup 326; Lesser Scaup 86; **King Eider 1** ND; Co. Eider 167; Surf Scoter 233; White-winged Scoter 56; Black Scoter 750; scoter sp. 130; Long-tailed Duck 768; Bufflehead 756; Co. Goldeneye 165; Hooded Merganser 195; Co. Merganser 4; Red-breasted Merganser 506; Ruddy Duck 1131; Ring-necked Pheasant 40; Wild Turkey 28; Red-throated Loon 21; Co. Loon 19; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 5; N. Gannet 660; Double-crested Cormorant 91; Great Cormorant 5; cormorant sp. 2; Great Blue Heron 32; **Green Heron 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 5; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 9; Merlin 1; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 7; Black-bellied Plover 48; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Sanderling 89; Purple Sandpiper 2; Dunlin 94; Wilson's Snipe CW; Laughing Gull 2 ND; **Black-headed Gull 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 769; Ring-billed Gull 294; Herring Gull 2451; Great Black-backed Gull 349; Black-legged Kittiwake 2; **Black Guillemot 1**; Rock Pigeon 117; Mourning Dove 111; E. Screech-Owl 11; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 21; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 24; Hairy Woodpecker 2; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 16; Blue Jay 100; Am. Crow 310; Horned Lark 5; Black-capped Chickadee 166; Tufted Titmouse 53; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 5; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 41; House Wren 2; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 15; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 13; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin 1332; Gray Catbird 7; N. Mockingbird 28; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 653; Cedar Waxwing 11; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 161; E. Towhee 9; Am. Tree Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 7; Savannah Sparrow 11; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 110; Swamp Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 441; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 108; Snow Bunting 21; N. Cardinal 93; Red-winged Blackbird 86; E. Meadowlark 3; Co. Grackle 1; Boat-tailed Grackle 4; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 77; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 114; House Sparrow 96.

Totals: 116 species; 18,585 individuals. **Participants:** Dick Belanger, James Benson, Susan Benson, **Steve Biasetti (biafamily@optonline.net)**, Ben Chaleff, Bill Chaleff, James Clinton, Jr., Mel Cowgill, Chandra Elmendorf, Ben Farone, Beth Gustin, Mike Higgiston, Ellen Kornhauser, Jay Kuhlman, Edward Kush, Frank Lichtneger, Tom Moran, Andrew Murphy, Sandra Reynolds, Rich

Sautkulis, Al Scherzer, Eileen Schwinn, Don Spates, Gigi Spates, Carl Starace, Linda Sullivan, Sally Swain, Diana Teta.

Rochester [NYRH]
43.22° N 77.65° W. 19 Dec 09; 4:25 am-5:00 pm; 14°-30° F; Wind W-NW 5-15 mph; Snow cover 0-4"; Still water mostly frozen; moving water partly open; AM Overcast; PM Overcast. Observers: 66 in 31 parties, plus 21 additional feeder watchers; 20.2 hrs & 69.6 miles owling; Total party-hrs 131; party-miles 472.6; 95 hrs & 80.8 miles on foot; 36 hrs & 391.8 miles by car.

Canada Goose 9690; **Cackling Goose 3**; Mute Swan 471; **Trumpeter Swan 4**; Tundra Swan 3; Gadwall 2; Am. Black Duck 76; Mallard 2678; N. Pintail 1; Redhead 24; Ring-necked Duck 1; Greater Scaup 425; Lesser Scaup 32; scaup species 300; Surf Scoter 5; White-winged Scoter 34; Black Scoter 3; Long-tailed Duck 846; Bufflehead 12; Co. Goldeneye 971; Hooded Merganser 41; Co. Merganser 357; Red-breasted Merganser 744; Wild Turkey 29; Red-throated Loon 5; Co. Loon 2; Pied-billed Grebe cw; Red-necked Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 5; Great Blue Heron 13; **Bald Eagle 4**; N. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk **14**; N. Goshawk cw; Red-tailed Hawk 71; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 1; **Peregrine Falcon 2**; Am. Coot 49; Dunlin 2; Bonaparte's Gull 170; Ring-billed Gull 6449; Herring Gull 945; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 97; Rock Pigeon 1085; Mourning Dove 785; E. Screech-Owl 67; Great Horned Owl 17; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker **170**; Downy Woodpecker 150; Hairy Woodpecker 64; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 14; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 382; Am. Crow **24,784**; Horned Lark 11; Black-capped Chickadee 710; Tufted Titmouse 127; Red-breasted Nuthatch 37; White-breasted Nuthatch 120; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 5; Winter Wren 5; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 7; Am. Robin 2969; N. Mockingbird 15; European Starling 4109; Cedar Waxwing 416; **Black-throated Blue Warbler (fem) CW**; Am. Tree Sparrow 222; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 18; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated sparrow 72; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 262; Snow Bunting 3; N. Cardinal 403; Red-winged Blackbird 521; Co. Grackle 5; House Finch 490; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 347; House Sparrow 2135.

Totals: 86 species + 3 count week only; 65,166 individuals. **Participants:** Carolyn & Jerry Barnhart, Jessie Barry, Jim & Liz Barry, Douglas Bassett, John Boettcher, Gary Chapin, Steve Daniel, Doug Daniels, Pete Debes, Jon Dombroski, Josiah Finch, Sharon Galbraith, Andy Garland, Mary Gordon, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Lucretia Grosshans, Judy Gurley, Kim Hartquist, Jack Hartwig, Bill Heckman, Mike Klimeczko, Monika Hermann-Kokis, Paul Lang, Fred Lawrence, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Gerry Leubner, Ben Levy, David Levy, Bill Maier, Bob Marcotte, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Bob & Sandy Mauceli, Sue McKeown, Bob & Chita McKinney, Ferne Merrill, Randi Minetor, John Olson, Jim Oterski, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, **Robert Spahn (rspahn@prodigy.net)**, Susan Spahn, Dave Strong, Kimberly Sucy, Jerry Sullivan, David Tetlow, Michael Tetlow, Pat Tolchin, Don & Donna Traver, Kinsley Whittum, Kory Whittum, Chris Wood, Jim Wood.

Rockland [NYRC]
41.13° N 73.97° W. 20 Dec 09; 21°-35° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy. Observers: 34; Total party-hrs 63.75.

Snow Goose 1; **Barnacle Goose 1**; Canada Goose 4004; Mute Swan 20; Wood Duck 12; Gadwall 47; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 33; Mallard 514; N. Shoveler 24; Canvasback 1514; Ring-necked Duck 15; scaup sp. 1; Bufflehead 34; Co. Goldeneye 4; Hooded Merganser 42; Co. Merganser 314; Ruddy Duck 55; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 1; Wild Turkey 30; Horned Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant 13; Great Blue Heron 16; Great Egret 1; Black Vulture 55; Turkey Vulture 60; Bald Eagle 10; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 8; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 50; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 6; Killdeer CW; Wilson's Snipe 1; Ring-billed Gull 1079; Herring Gull 41; Great Black-backed Gull 18; Rock Pigeon 122; Mourning Dove 205; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 6; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 70; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 85; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 22; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Blue Jay 235; Am. Crow 273; Co. Raven 4; Black-capped Chickadee 154; Tufted Titmouse 172; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 36; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 3; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin 1115; Gray Catbird 10; N. Mockingbird 59; European Starling 2401; Cedar Waxwing 3; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 18;

E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 116; Savannah Sparrow 3; Fox Sparrow 14; Song Sparrow 322; White-throated Sparrow 534; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1037; Snow Bunting 7; N. Cardinal 163; Red-winged Blackbird 300; Co. Grackle 8817; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 62; Am. Goldfinch 39; House Sparrow 463.

Total: 85 species. **Participants:** Dan Albantides, Eugene Brown, Drew Ciganek, Tom Dow, Bernie Doyle, Glenys Foster Roberts, Susan Freiman, Joanna Galdone, Michael Garber, Stephanie Garber, Anita Gossett, Tom Harten, Christopher Healy, Gene Herskovics, Frank Kemmer, Karl Knoecklein, Bonnie Koop, Veronika Krause, Caroline McDonald, Ken McNichol, Marsha Meyer, Patricia Murray, Jeremy Pardo, Mickey Pardo, Yudi Pardo, Vince Plogar, Jim Previdi, Tom Rowe, Ronnie Smith, Jessie Traband, Julia Warger, Carol Weiss, **Alan Wells (awells@bestweb.net), Della Wells.**

Rome [NYRM]
43.22° N 75.33° W; 20 Dec 09; 18°-24° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 15 observers. Total party-hrs 25.5.

Canada Goose 6; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 130; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 82; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 2; Bald Eagle 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 22; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Ring-billed Gull 36; Herring Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 325; Mourning Dove 110; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 19; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 53; Am. Crow 471; Black-capped Chickadee 253; Tufted Titmouse 13; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 18; E. Bluebird 3; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 428; Cedar Waxwing 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 47; N. Cardinal 20; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 3; Pine Siskin 11; Am. Goldfinch 17; House Sparrow 51.

Total: 42 species. **Sponsor:** Old Erie Audubon. **Participants: Bruce Carpenter (brucecar@aol.com)**, Cindy Carpenter, Candis Cesari, Dave Cesari, Katelyn Hurley, Laura Hurley, Pat Hurley, Santino Laurcella, William Parkin, Debbie Ringlehan, John Ringlehan, Dan Smith, Garrie Smith, Gerry Smith, Maureen Staloff.

St. Bonaventure [NYSB]
42.1° N 78.48° W; 19 Dec 09; 16°-22° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 12 observers. Total party-hrs 41.25.

Canada Goose 340; Mallard 129; Redhead 3; Hooded Merganser 11; Co. Merganser 45; Wild Turkey 95; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 23; Am. Kestrel 2; Herring Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 446; Mourning Dove 253; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Downy Woodpecker 30; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Blue Jay 123; Am. Crow 310; Co. Raven 3; Black-capped Chickadee 347; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 35; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 549; Am. Tree Sparrow 45; Song Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 7; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 148; N. Cardinal 48; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 8; Am. Goldfinch 56; House Sparrow 66.

Total: 44 species. **Sponsor:** Cattaraugus County Bird Club. **Participants:** Tim Baird, Michael DeSha, Joyce Ermer, Michael Ermer, Patty Johnson, Mike Landowski, Tom LeBlanc, Jeff McMullen, Jim Pomeroy, Jeff Reed, James VanScoy, **Regina VanScoy (vanscoy716@hughes.net)**.

Salem [NYSA]
43.13° N 73.42° W; 2 Jan 10; 20°-27° F; AM cloudy, light-heavy snow; PM cloudy, heavy snow; 22 observers. Total party-hrs 57.75.

Canada Goose 1107; Am. Black Duck 22; Mallard 107; Co. Goldeneye 9; Co. Merganser 45; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 64; Bald Eagle 5; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 64; Rough-legged Hawk 6; Am. Kestrel 4; Rock Pigeon 1235; Mourning Dove 870; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 29; Downy Woodpecker 56; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 255; Am. Crow 432; Co. Raven 31; Horned Lark 591; Black-capped Chickadee 346; Tufted Titmouse 109; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 61; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 58; Am. Robin 110; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 4251;

Cedar Waxwing 156; Am. Tree Sparrow 161; Song Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 10; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 793; Snow Bunting 197; N. Cardinal 119; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 83; Am. Goldfinch 88; House Sparrow 326.

Total: 48 species. **Participants:** Roy Arenella, Kathleen Bond, Joe Childs, Dave DeVries, Bonnie Dundas, Scott Dundas, Laurie Freeman, Alan Gee, Liz Gee, Bo Harris, Jan Harris, **John Helft (drj@empireone.net)**, Kevin Hemeon, John Hubbard., Bob Page, Herb Perkins, Gary Pocock, Ron Renoni, Howard Romack, Sue Rosenberg, David Steinberger, Sue Van Hook.

Saranac Lake [NYSL]
44°19'0"N 74°04'23"W, mostly as described 1976, but center 1.2 miles NNE of c. jct. Rt. 86 & Old Ray Brook Rd., Ray Brook, and adjusted very slightly (a few seconds) in 2007 to be more precise (using Google Earth). Jan. 2, 2010; 4:30 am to 4:30 pm. Temp. 5° to 25°F. Wind W 2-9 mph. Snow depth 8-10 in. Still water frozen. Moving water partly open. A.M.: cloudy, light snow. PM: cloudy, light snow. Observers: 26 in field in 13-15 parties (non-owling), plus 4 at feeders. Time & Distance: 12 hrs at feeders; 3 hrs & 25 miles owling. Total party-hrs 86.25 & party-miles 375: 30.5 hrs & 24.5 miles on foot, 36.25 hrs & 325.5 miles by car, 13 hrs & 17 miles by XC-skis, 6.5 hrs & 8 miles by snowshoes.

Canada Goose 1; Am. Black Duck 8; Mallard 259; Hooded Merganser 1; Ruffed Grouse 8; Wild Turkey 51; Bald Eagle cw; **falcon sp. 1**; Rock Pigeon 108; Mourning Dove 72; Barred Owl 2; Downy Woodpecker 23; Hairy Woodpecker 27; Black-backed Woodpecker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Gray Jay 5; Blue Jay 156; Am. Crow 121; Com. Raven 33; Black-capped Chickadee 592; Boreal Chickadee 4; Red-breasted Nuthatch 76; White-breasted Nuthatch 21; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 22; **Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2**; European Starling 87; American Tree Sparrow cw; White-throated Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 32; Snow Bunting 50; Northern Cardinal 12; Purple Finch 25; Pine Siskin CW; American Goldfinch 932; Evening Grosbeak 72; House Sparrow 14.

Totals: 34 species; 2827 individuals. **Participants:** John Brown, David Buckley, Shelly Cihan, Joan Collins, Ed Grant, Audrey Hyson, Penny Jacques, Debbie & Ed & Ned & Tassie Kanze, Leslie Karasin, Steve Langdon, Linda LaPan, John Marshall, **Larry Master (larry@masterimages.org)**, Brian McAllister, Matt Medler, Sean O'Brien, Mary O'Dell, Carol Pinney, Liz Resseguie, Nina & Bill Schoch, Pat & John Thaxton, Eileen & Tom Wheeler.

Schenectady [NYST]
42.75° N 73.92° W. 19 Dec 09; 6°-24° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 24; Total party-hrs 69.25.

Snow Goose CW; Canada Goose 274; Wood Duck 1; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 47; Mallard 526; N. Pintail 1; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 19; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 1; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 53; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 9; Bald Eagle 5; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 1; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 98; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 26; Herring Gull 42; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 752; Mourning Dove 319; E. Screech-Owl 14; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 47; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 138; Hairy Woodpecker 35; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 4; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 398; Am. Crow 2592; Fish Crow 1; Co. Raven 1; Black-capped Chickadee 498; Tufted Titmouse 194; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 143; Brown Creeper 18; Carolina Wren 9; Winter Wren 1; Marsh Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 22; E. Bluebird 58; Am. Robin 272; N. Mockingbird 9; European Starling 2743; Cedar Waxwing 74; Am. Tree Sparrow 170; Song Sparrow 46; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 256; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 296; Snow Bunting 69; N. Cardinal 203; Red-winged Blackbird 6; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; House Finch 69; Am. Goldfinch 168; House Sparrow 216.

Total: 67 species. **Sponsor**: Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club; **Participants:** Lawrence Alden, Janet Betlejeski, Stan Blanchard, Joan Cipriani, Michael Crevier, Carl George, Bernard Grossman, Christine Grossman, John Hershey, Edwin Hicks, **William Lee (bileej@hotmail.com)**, Kathleen LoGuidice, Alan Mapes, David Nally, Gregg Recer, John Roosenberg, Peggy Rudis, Nancy Slack, Henry Stebbins, Jaime Taft, Colleen Williams, T. Loyd Williams, Thomas Williams, Robert Yunick.

Scio [NYSO]
42.17° N 78.07° W; 19 Dec 09; 21°-36° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 12 observers. Total party-hrs 30.

Canada Goose 276; Mallard 25; Co. Merganser 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 79; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 16; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 31; Herring Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 332; Mourning Dove 111; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 8; Hairy Woodpecker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 129; Am. Crow 117; Co. Raven 6; Black-capped Chickadee 90; Tufted Titmouse 6; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 8; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 2; European Starling 193; Am. Tree Sparrow 33; Field Sparrow 1; White-crowned Sparrow 14; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 108; N. Cardinal 27; House Finch 38; Am. Goldfinch 70; House Sparrow 37.

Total: 37 species. **Participants:** Russell Allen **(rlatrains@yahoo.com)**, Dan Babcock, Steven Chaffee, Peter Finlay, Walt Franklin, Barbara Kubiak, Anne Pipal, Robert Pipal, Robert Smalley.

Sherburne [NYSH]
42.68° N 75.5° W; 19 Dec 09; 8°-20° F; AM clear; PM cloudy; 23 observers. Total party-hrs 61.25.

Snow Goose (white form) 150; Canada Goose 2397; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 5; Mallard 91; Co. Merganser 4; Ruffed Grouse 12; Wild Turkey 208; Co. Loon 1; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 40; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Rock Pigeon 511; Mourning Dove 235; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **9**; Downy Woodpecker 50; Hairy Woodpecker 20; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 191; Am. Crow 997; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 23; Black-capped Chickadee 549; Tufted Titmouse 17; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 55; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 1124; Cedar Waxwing 34; Am. Tree Sparrow 102; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 125; Snow Bunting 219; N. Cardinal 59; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 15 LC; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 153; House Sparrow 99 LC.

Total: 51 species. **Sponsor:** Chenango Bird Club. **Participants:** Anne Altshuler, Laura Carey, Marjorie Cohen, Richard Cohen, Holly Crouch, Jim Davis, Chris DeCesare; Anne Geary, Marsha Guzewich, Tom Henigan, Karen Joest, Suzanne Knapp, Tom Knapp, Linda Mason, Van Mason, Ravien Noyes, John Pumilio, Susana Schwarz, Bruce Webster, Jackson Webster, Deborah, Donald Windsor **Fred von Mechow (vonmechow@frontiernet.net)**.

Skaneateles [NYSK]
42.95° N 76.43° W; 2 Jan 10;15°-24° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 20 observers. Total party-hrs 56.5.

Snow Goose 171; Canada Goose 13,680; Tundra Swan 13; Am. Black Duck 52; Mallard 460; Redhead 2; Greater Scaup 24; Bufflehead 51; Co. Goldeneye 20; Co. Merganser 35; Ruddy Duck 25; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 3; Bald Eagle 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 19; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 1037; Herring Gull 246; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 130; Rock Pigeon 210; Mourning Dove 205; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 41; Downy Woodpecker 65; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 178; Am. Crow 950; Horned Lark 15; Black-capped Chickadee 322; Tufted Titmouse 51; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 59; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 4; E. Bluebird 22; N. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 1098; Cedar Waxwing 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 144; Chipping Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 18; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 275; Snow Bunting 414; N. Cardinal 141; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 74; Am. Goldfinch 126; House Sparrow 267.

Total: 60 [55 listed] species. **Participants:** Sue Boettger, Joe Brin, Ken Burdick, Rose Burdick, Bernie Carr, **John Cashier (fjcash@twcny.rr.com)**, David Graham, Derek Green, Bill Gruenbaum, Robin Jowaisis, Caroline Manring, Margaret Manring, Kevin McGann, Don O'Brien, Bill Purcell, Paul Richardson, Thomas Riley, Joe Sedlacek.

LI: Smithtown [NYSM]
40.87° N 73.2° W. 27 Dec 09; 46°-53° F; AM cloudy; PM clear. Observers: 20; Total party-hrs 77.

Pink-footed Goose CW; Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 562; **Cackling Goose CW**; Canada Goose 3770; Mute Swan 329; Wood Duck 5; Gadwall 561; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 1013;

Am. Black Duck 1013; Mallard 1315; N. Shoveler 53; N. Pintail 47; 'American' Green-winged Teal 11; Canvasback 3; Ring-necked Duck 334; Greater Scaup 2; Co. Eider 1; Surf Scoter 46; White-winged Scoter 250; Black Scoter 2; Long-tailed Duck 650; Bufflehead 183; Co. Goldeneye 551; Hooded Merganser 149; Co. Merganser 123; Red-breasted Merganser 570; Ruddy Duck 4; Ruffed Grouse 1; Red-throated Loon 65; Co. Loon 72; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 15; N. Gannet 34; Double-crested Cormorant 2; Great Cormorant 3; Great Blue Heron 44; **Snowy Egret 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 12; N. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 14; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 36; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 4; Peregrine Falcon 1; Clapper Rail 1; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 29; **Semipalmated Plover 1**; Killdeer 9; Sanderling 91; Purple Sandpiper 7; Dunlin 101; Wilson's Snipe 2; Am. Woodcock 1; Bonaparte's Gull 3; Ring-billed Gull 1509; Herring Gull 2557; Great Black-backed Gull 287; Razorbill 1; Rock Pigeon 399; Mourning Dove 97; E. Screech-Owl 33; Great Horned Owl 8; Short-eared Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 17; Red-bellied Woodpecker 106; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12; Downy Woodpecker 73; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 56; Blue Jay 313; Am. Crow 833; Fish Crow 205; Horned Lark 14; Black-capped Chickadee 271; Tufted Titmouse 142; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 31; Brown Creeper 14; Carolina Wren 163; Winter Wren 12; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 42; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 2; Hermit Thrush 12; Am. Robin 1140; Gray Catbird 21; N. Mockingbird 81; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 2419; Cedar Waxwing 121; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 128; Pine Warbler 1; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 10; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 16; Song Sparrow 136; Swamp Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow 724; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 164; Snow Bunting 46; N. Cardinal 220; Red-winged Blackbird 114; Rusty Blackbird 8; Co. Grackle 108; Brown-headed Cowbird 16; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 198; Am. Goldfinch 88; House Sparrow 98.

Totals: 115 species; 25,233 individuals. **Participants:** Brent Bomkamp, Jim Clinton, Jr., Sean Duffy, Douglas Futuyma, John Gluth, **Richard Gostic (rgostic@hbschools.us)**, Jeff Gottlieb, Norm Klein, Jim La Rosa, Nick Mangold, Hugh McGuinness, Robert McGrath, Stella Miller, Luci Betti Nash, Marc Oliveri, Peter Scully, Angus Wilson, Jordan Wolf.

LI: Southern Nassau County [NYSN]

40.62° N 73.6° W, center Baldwin Bay; 2 Jan 10; 6:00 am-5:00 pm; 17°-33° F; Wind NW 17-45 mph; Snow cover 0-2"; Still water partly open; moving water open; AM cloudy, snow showers; PM partly clear, snow showers. Observers: 70 in 29-34 parties, plus 5 at feeders; 2 hrs & 2 miles owling; Total party-hrs 214; party-miles 512; 170.5 hrs & 118 miles on foot; 40 hrs & 365 miles by car; 3.5 hrs & 29 miles by motorized boat.

Snow Goose 11; 'Atlantic' Brant 32,847; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose 5184; Mute Swan 210; **Tundra Swan 3** ph; Gadwall 176; Am. Wigeon 126; Am. Black Duck 5709; Mallard 2287; N. Shoveler 181; N. Pintail 68; 'American' Green-winged Teal 60; 'Eurasian' Green-winged Teal 1 ph; Redhead 7; Ring-necked Duck 47; Greater Scaup 1043; Lesser Scaup 481; Co. Eider **254**; Harlequin Duck 8; Surf Scoter 43; White-winged Scoter 6; Black Scoter 1196; Long-tailed Duck 1827; Bufflehead 276; Co. Goldeneye 7; Hooded Merganser 963; Co. Merganser 90; Red-breasted Merganser 438; Ruddy Duck 376; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Red-throated Loon 102; Co. Loon 97; Pied-billed Grebe 13; Horned Grebe 30; Red-necked Grebe 1; N. Gannet 118; Double-crested Cormorant **178**; Great Cormorant 51; Am. Bittern 3; Great Blue Heron 88; Tricolored Heron 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 56; N. Harrier 40; Sharp-shinned Hawk 22; Cooper's Hawk 11; Red-tailed Hawk 31; Merlin 6; Peregrine Falcon **23**; rail sp. 1; Am. Coot 71; Black-bellied Plover 181; Killdeer 10; Am. Oystercatcher 17; Greater Yellowlegs 3; Willet CW; Ruddy Turnstone 19; Sanderling 243; Purple Sandpiper 26; Dunlin 1498; Long-billed Dowitcher 1; Wilson's Snipe 2; Bonaparte's Gull 212; Ring-billed Gull 4382; Herring Gull 3645; Iceland Gull 1; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 445; Razorbill 2; Rock Pigeon 1322; Mourning Dove 256; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 16; Red-bellied Woodpecker 24; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 46; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 27; Blue Jay 30; Am. Crow 150; Horned Lark 115; Tree Swallow 1; Black-capped Chickadee 69; Tufted Titmouse 14; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 11; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 28; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 16; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin **1045**; Gray Catbird 6; N. Mockingbird 78; European Starling 3263; Am. Pipit 17; Cedar Waxwing 95; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 717; **Pine Warbler 1**; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 50; Chipping Sparrow CW; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 21; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 6; Saltmarsh

Sharp-tailed Sparrow 4; Fox Sparrow 15; Song Sparrow 277; Swamp Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow 500; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 75; Lapland Longspur CW; Snow Bunting 78; N. Cardinal 177; Red-winged Blackbird 39; E. Meadowlark 3; Rusty Blackbird CW; Co. Grackle **264**; Boat-tailed Grackle 29; Brown-headed Cowbird 60; Baltimore Oriole 1 ph; House Finch 223; Am. Goldfinch 113; House Sparrow 1073.

Totals: 122 species; 75,989 individuals. **Participants:** Megan Aitchinson, Seth Ausubel, Andrew Baksh, Robert Bate, Matt Bayer, Gail Benson, Bob Berlingeri, Mary Beth Billerman, Shawn Billerman, Shane Blodgett, Kelli Bochnik, Michael Bochnik, Sharon Brody, Blair Broughton, James Browne, Tom Burke, Mike Cooper, George Dadone, Joseph DiCostanzo, Patricia Duffet, Kim Fessler, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Corey Finger, Brendan Fogarty, Doug Futuyma, Leslie Gershon, Richard Gershon, Joe Giunta, Jeff Glassberg, Scott Haber, David Havens, Mitchell Horowitz, Sam Jannazzo, Rob Jett, Pat Jones, Rich Kelly, Jeffrey Kimball, David Klauber, Rick Kopitsch, David Kunstler, Robert Kurtz, Emanuel Levine, Mickey Levine, **Patricia Lindsay**, Debbie Martin, Paul Matulonis, Chuck McAlexander, Barbara McBrien, Michael McBrien, Hugh McGuinness, Eric Miller, **Shai Mitra (shaibal.mitra@csi.cuny.edu)**, Mary Normandia, Paul Oehrlein, Scott Oggeri, Bob Paxton, Peter Post, Joan Quinlan, Bill Reeves, Seymour Schiff, Jane Scott, Robert Shriber, Sean Sime, Lloyd Spitalnik, Joe Viglietta, John Walsh, Scott Whittle Scott Wieman, John Zarudsky.

Southern Orange County [NYSU]
41.3° N 78.33° W; 26 Dec 09; 18°-36° F; AM foggy, light snow; PM cloudy; 12 observers. Total party hours 62.

Canada Goose 1032; Mute Swan 21; Gadwall 2; Am. Black Duck 1; Mallard 479; Ring-necked Duck 1; Bufflehead 14; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 7; Co. Merganser 56; Ruddy Duck 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 55; Turkey Vulture 24; Bald Eagle 4; No. Harrier 4; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 61; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 256; Herring Gull 3; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 157; Mourning Dove 175; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 26; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7; Downy Woodpecker 61; Hairy Woodpecker 10; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 31; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 213; Am. Crow 1646; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 64; Black-capped Chickadee 139; Tufted Titmouse 132; White-breasted Nuthatch 55; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 16; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 50; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 214; No. Mockingbird 26; European Starling 2713; Cedar Waxwing 63; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; Am. Tree Sparrow 156; Field Sparrow 6; **Vesper Sparrow 2**; Savannah Sparrow 5; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 140; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 452; White-crowned Sparrow 7; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 311; No. Cardinal 87; Red-winged Blackbird 5; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 10; Purple Finch 6; House Finch 48; Am. Goldfinch 43; House Sparrow 205.

Total: 72 species. **Participants:** Lynn Barber, Jo Hull, William Ianunne, Dennis Murphy, Bob Slechta, **Herb Stein (hstein@hvc.rr.com)**, John Yrizzary.

Southern Rensselaer County [NYSR]
42.62° N 73.63° W; 28 Dec 09; 31°-34° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM clear; 17 observers. Total party-hrs 62.25.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 560; Am. Black Duck 29; Mallard 370; Co. Merganser 43; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 107; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 6; N. Goshawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 71; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 134; Herring Gull 182; Iceland Gull 1; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 61; Rock Pigeon **2019**; Mourning Dove 129; E. Screeh-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 17; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 78; Hairy Woodpecker 21; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 183; Am. Crow 4376; Fish Crow 1; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 500; Black-capped Chickadee 469; Tufted Titmouse 116; White-breasted Nuthatch 69; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; E. Bluebird 33; Am. Robin 1509; N. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 7470; Cedar Waxwing 44; Am. Tree Sparrow 69; Savannah Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 20; White-throated Sparrow 26; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 351; N. Cardinal 53; Red-winged Blackbird 8; Brown-headed Cowbird 9; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 29; Co. Redpoll 3; Am. Goldfinch 53; House Sparrow 200.

Total: 61 species. **Participants:** Carol Blackwell, Joan Cipriani, Gary Goodness, Don Gresens, Rich Guthrie, Nancy Kern, Jory Langner, William Lee, Gregg Reeer, Jim Ries, Peggy Rudis, Debbie Shaw, Marjorie Whitney, **Philip Whitney (philandmarjwhitney@earthlink.net)**, Steve Yandik, Will Yandik, Jim deWaal Malefyt.

Staten Island [NYSI]
40.5833°N 74.15°W. 19 Dec 09; 5:30 am-4:30 pm; 23°-31° F; Wind NE 15-25 mph; Snow cover 0.5"; Still water partly frozen; moving water partly frozen; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 40 in 12 parties; 6 hrs & 2.5 miles owling; Total party-hrs 87.25; party-miles 197.5; 77.75 hrs & 41 miles on foot; 9.5 hrs & 156.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; Brant 1389; Canada Goose 3534; Mute Swan 10; **Tundra Swan 1** ph; Wood Duck 8; Gadwall 149; Am. Wigeon 185; Am. Black Duck 428; Mallard 969; N. Shoveler 4; N. Pintail 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 46; Ring-necked Duck **54**; Greater Scaup 2542; Surf Scoter 1; Black Scoter 35; scoter sp. 35; Long-tailed Duck 62; Bufflehead 175; Co. Goldeneye 114; Hooded Merganser 102; Co. Merganser 8; Red-breasted Merganser **1620;** Ruddy Duck 54; Ring-necked Pheasant 2 LC; Wild Turkey **122;** Co. Loon 4; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Horned Grebe 13; Northern Gannet 8; Double-crested Cormorant 7; Great Cormorant 18; Great Blue Heron 11; Northern Harrier 11; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 33; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 7; Killdeer 25; Ruddy Turnstone 21; Sanderling **141;** Purple Sandpiper 8; Am. Woodcock 4; Bonaparte's Gull 4; Ring-billed Gull 2702; Herring Gull 5741; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 106; gull sp. 35; Rock Pigeon 702; Mourning Dove 305; Eastern Screech-Owl 6; Great Horned Owl 3; **Rufous Hummingbird 1** ph; Belted Kingfisher 7; **Red-headed Woodpecker 1;** Red-bellied Woodpecker 61; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 54; Hairy Woodpecker 14; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 19; Blue Jay 117; Am. Crow 61; Fish Crow 8; Horned Lark 172; Black-capped Chickadee 122; Tufted Titmouse 38; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 38; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 36; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; Hermit Thrush 6; American Robin **844;** Gray Catbird 3; Northern Mockingbird 48; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 3098; Am. Pipit 14; Cedar Waxwing 34; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 95; Pine Warbler CW; Co. Yellowthroat 2; **Summer Tanager 1** ph; Eastern Towhee 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 200; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow 77; Fox Sparrow 23; Song Sparrow 153; Swamp Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow **1289;** White-crowned Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 264; Lapland Longspur 4; Snow Bunting 125; N. Cardinal 168; Red-winged Blackbird 308; E. Meadowlark 4; Co. Grackle 409; Brown-headed Cowbird 51; House Finch 68; Am. Goldfinch 59; House Sparrow 299.

Totals: 109 species; 30,020 individuals. **Participants:** Ron Armitage, Seth Ausubel, Catherine Barron, George Bouquio, Tom Brown, Eva Callahan, Lisa DeFrancesco, Rollin Deas, Tom Dulski, Dave Eib, Charles Fallon, Jeffrey Fallon, Jimmie Fata, Howard Fischer, Joe Goldie, Holly Goyert, Cliff Hagen, Harry Jenkins, **Edward Johnson (ejohnson@statenislandmuseum.org)**, Zachary Johnson, Lisa LaManna, Lisa Manne, Ray Matarazzo, Sandra Mechanic, Wayne Mones, Beth Nicholls, Ivana Noveic, Patricia Perone, Chuck Perry, Anne Purcell, Irving Robbins, Jarrod Santora, Barbara Saunders, Michael Shanley, Jeff Stetson, John Stonick, Joe Trezza, Richard Veit, Dana Weber, Seth Wollney.

Syracuse [NYSY]
43.1° N -76.0833° W. 19 Dec 09; 6:00 am-5:00 pm; 5°-7° F; Wind NW 5-12 mph; Snow cover 6-10"; Still water F; moving water O; Observers: 28 in 12-15 parties; 1 hrs & 1 miles owling; Total party-hrs 94; party-miles 540; 58 hrs & 50 miles on foot; 36 hrs & 490 miles by car.

Snow Goose 400; Canada Goose 3177; Am. Black Duck 59; Mallard 502; Redhead 94; Ring-necked Duck 1; Lesser Scaup 12; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye -741; Hooded Merganser 15; Co. Merganser 385; Red-breasted Merganser 2; Wild Turkey 74; Co. Loon 3; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 10; Great Blue Heron 2; Turkey Vulture 1; Bald Eagle 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-tailed Hawk 73; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 3; Am. Coot 11; Ring-billed Gull 1462; Herring Gull 302; Great Black-backed Gull 123; Rock Pigeon 1241; Mourning Dove 333; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 38; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 115; Hairy Woodpecker 26; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 223; Am. Crow 16938; Fish Crow 4; Black-capped Chickadee 395; Tufted Titmouse 53; Red-breasted

Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 83; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 4; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 698; N. Mockingbird 11; European Starling 8511; Cedar Waxwing 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 140; Song Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow 93; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 84; Snow Bunting 4; N. Cardinal 219; Red-winged Blackbird 9; Co. Grackle 11; Brown-headed Cowbird 78; House Finch 307; Co. Redpoll 2; Am. Goldfinch 199; House Sparrow 642.

Totals: 67 species; 37999 individuals. **Participants**: Allan Belford, Sue Boetcher, Joe Brin, Bernie Carr, Connie Case, Jerry Case, John Cashier, Roger Daigle, Ruth Florey, Bill Gruenbaum, Gene Huggins, Margaret Kellogg, Robert Long, Marty Mau, **Kevin McGann (pmcgann1@twcny.rr.com)**, David Nash, Michelle Nelligan, Kendra Orneord, Bill Purcell, Paul Richardson, John Rogers, Margaret Rusk, David Ryan, Jeanne Ryan, Mickey Scilingo, Tony Shrimpton, Jim Tarolli.

Thousand Islands [ONTI]
44.35° N 75.98° W. 26 Dec 09; 28°-30° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, heavy rain. Observers: 17; Total party-hrs 42.0.

Snow Goose 17; Canada Goose 963; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 185; Lesser Scaup 33; Bufflehead 16; Co. Goldeneye 904; Hooded Merganser 4; Co. Merganser 3133; Red-breasted Merganser 52; Ruffed Grouse 4; Wild Turkey 134; Bald Eagle 21; N. Harrier 2; Red-tailed Hawk 18; Rough-legged Hawk 2; hawk sp. 2; Am. Kestrel 1; **Killdeer CW** GD; Ring-billed Gull 153; Herring Gull 244; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 22; Rock Pigeon 266; Mourning Dove 206; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 38; Hairy Woodpecker 19; Pileated Woodpecker 5; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 190; Am. Crow 216; Co. Raven 8; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 379; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 4; Brown Creeper 3; Am. Robin 4; European Starling 464; Am. Tree Sparrow 83; White-throated Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 82; Snow Bunting 1; N. Cardinal 8; Brown-headed Cowbird 22; House Finch 17; Am. Goldfinch 114; House Sparrow 177.

Total: 50 species. **Sponsor:** St. Lawrence Islands National Park, Parks Canada. **Participants: Chris Bellmore (chris.bellmore@pc.gc.ca)**.

Troy [NYTR]
42.83° N 73.67° W. 2 Jan 10; 17°-27° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow. Observers: 22; Total party-hrs 65.25.

Snow Goose 27; Canada Goose 12,774; Gadwall CW; Am. Black Duck 97; Mallard 843; N. Pintail 1; Redhead 2; Ring-necked Duck 1; Bufflehead 8; Co. Goldeneye 109; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 96; Wild Turkey 7; Bald Eagle 16; N. Harrier 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 63; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 520; Herring Gull 721; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 575; Rock Pigeon 659; Mourning Dove 137; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 16; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 82; Hairy Woodpecker 14; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Blue Jay 173; Am. Crow 4328; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 382; Black-capped Chickadee 420; Tufted Titmouse 124; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 60; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 45; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin **6265**; European Starling 4879; Cedar Waxwing 72; Am. Tree Sparrow 209; Savannah Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 115; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 429; Snow Bunting **2924**; N. Cardinal 98; Red-winged Blackbird 15; Brown-headed Cowbird 31; House Finch 69; Am. Goldfinch 76; House Sparrow 545.

Total: 66 species. **Sponsor:** Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. **Participants: Lawrence Alden (overlook@nycap.rr.com)**, Susan Beaudoin, Traynor Biasiolli, Carol Blackwell, Jackie Bogardus, Joan Cipriani, Jocelyn Cole, Garrett Grilli, Richard Guthrie, Jeremy Kirchman, Jory Langner, Bill Lee, Larry Main, Alan Mapes, Norton Miller, Joel Ralston, Jim Ries, Peggy Rudis, Kathy Schneider, George Steele, Jaime Taft, Brad Walker.

Watertown [NYWA]
44.0° N 76.0° W. 19 Dec 09; 10°-19° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 16; Total party-hrs 46.0.

Snow Goose 200; Canada Goose 5744; Tundra Swan 33; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 136; Ring-necked Duck 3; Bufflehead 3; Co. Goldeneye 8; Co. Merganser 214; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Wild Turkey 119; Bald Eagle 2; N. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 26; Rough-legged Hawk 10; Ring-billed Gull 1 LC; Herring Gull 54; Great Black-backed Gull 2 LC; Rock Pigeon 846; Mourning Dove 203; Red-bellied Woodpecker 3; Downy Woodpecker 17; Hairy Woodpecker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 2; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 64; Am. Crow 16,458; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 85; Black-capped Chickadee 102; White-breasted Nuthatch 19; Am. Robin 10; European Starling 969; Am. Tree Sparrow 74; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 50; Snow Bunting 88; N. Cardinal 21; House Finch 4 LC; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 66; House Sparrow 319.

Total: 44 species. **Participants:** Carol Cady, John Foster, Dopris Gibson, **David Prosser (dwprosser@aol.com)**.

Watkins Glen [NYWG]
42.37° N 76.87° W. 26 Dec 09; 40°-42° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; Observers: 4; Total party-hrs 28.0.

Canada Goose 1281; Tundra Swan 2; Gadwall 16; Am. Black Duck 19; Mallard 222; 'American' Green-winged Teal 1; Redhead 13; Ring-necked Duck 3; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 18; Hooded Merganser 3; Co. Merganser 1; Ruddy Duck 3; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 10; Co. Loon 1; Double-crested Cormorant 5; Great Blue Heron 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 15; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 166; Ring-billed Gull 357; Herring Gull 10; Rock Pigeon 271; Mourning Dove 131; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 18; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 33; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Blue Jay 63; Am. Crow 322; Co. Raven 17; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 138; Tufted Titmouse 31; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 24; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 4; E. Bluebird 18; Am. Robin 10; N. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 1147; Cedar Waxwing 67; Am. Tree Sparrow 45; White-throated Sparrow 17; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 55; Snow Bunting 6; N. Cardinal 36; E. Meadowlark 1; Rusty Blackbird CW; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 20; House Finch 63; Am. Goldfinch 64; House Sparrow 136.

Total: 63 species. **Participants: Jack Brubaker (jack@fccusa.com)**, Ed Gates, John Gregoire, Barlow Rhodes.

Wilson-Lake Plains [NYWL]
43.23° N 78.67° W. 19 Dec 09; 20°-24° F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; Observers: 17; Total party-hrs 48.25.

Canada Goose 1829; Mute Swan 5; Am. Wigeon **6**; Am. Black Duck 15; Mallard 396; Greater Scaup 18; Lesser Scaup 4; White-winged Scoter 38; Black Scoter 1; Long-tailed Duck 88; Bufflehead 18; Co. Goldeneye 217; Co. Merganser 93; Red-breasted Merganser 640; Ring-necked Pheasant 10; Wild Turkey 6; Red-throated Loon **165**; Co. Loon **12**; Horned Grebe 5; Red-necked Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant **12**; Great Blue Heron 1; N. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk **10**; Red-tailed Hawk 49; Am. Kestrel 2; Bonaparte's Gull 121; Ring-billed Gull 499; Herring Gull 447; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 21; Rock Pigeon 173; Mourning Dove 398; E. Screech-Owl 9; Great Horned Owl 3; N. Saw-whet Owl **3**; Red-bellied Woodpecker 39; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **2**; Downy Woodpecker 43; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' N. Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker **3**; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 159; Am. Crow 305; Horned Lark 20; Black-capped Chickadee 251; Tufted Titmouse **32**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 27; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 21; Am. Robin 11; N. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 1907; Cedar Waxwing 18; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 180; Song Sparrow 5; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 151; Snow Bunting 300; N. Cardinal 75; Co. Grackle 6; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 5; House Finch 156; Pine Siskin 4; Am. Goldfinch 135; House Sparrow **914**.

Total: 74 species. **Participants:** Paula Bigelow, Julie Eberhart, Robert Ensminger, Mike Galas, Kyle Horton, **Garner Light (garnerlight@hotmail.com)**, Gary Light, Celeste Morien, Jim Pawlicki, Sue Phillips, Sherry Poczciwinski, Thomas Poczciwinski, Edward Ratajczak, Gerry Rising, Chuck Rosenburg, Tony Wagner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—WINTER 2009-10

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THE WEATHER

Temperatures were mostly seasonable to slightly above average across most of New York State in December and January and about average in February. Cold temperatures in early January brought ice cover to most upstate ponds. Overall, most of the state experienced a milder winter than that of 2008-09. Upstate experienced its characteristic cyclic weather patterns with normal and sporadic lake effect snow. Long Island was the exception, where mean monthly temperatures were below average throughout the winter. Region 10 experienced a severe winter, with frequent snow and windstorms, frozen ponds, and above average snow cover. A severe snowstorm on 23-26 February blanketed the entire state, dropping one to two feet of snow everywhere except the Catskills, where seven-foot totals were recorded. Over the winter period, the overall precipitation was average throughout the state except for the Long Island Region where precipitation was above average. New York State has such a diversity of topographical environments, including coastal areas, mountains, and the Great Lakes plains, that it is difficult to generalize on the season's weather. Readers are encouraged to consult the Regional Reports for more detailed summaries of local weather.

GENERAL REFLECTIONS ON WINTER REPORTS

Hugh McGuinness, in his summary for Region 10, gives a perspective on how birding trends have changed over the past few years on Long Island. Reviewing *Kingbird* summaries for past years' winter seasons, I was not able to come to any general conclusions on how the avifauna has changed during the winter period. The *Kingbird* reports and summaries for winter tend to focus on rare species, half hardies, and the influx of wintering birds such as waterfowl, gulls, and finches. Winter surveys include the Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) and the waterfowl count. To get a sense of how the winter season has changed over the past 30 years, I reviewed CBC data across the state at eight selected locations, from Buffalo to Montauk Point, looking for possible trends. The one obvious trend is that, in the western and interior portion of the state, the avian diversity has increased over the past 30 years, meaning that more species are found annually on the CBCs over this time period, but that the number of species found coastally has remained about constant. There are three factors that may have a bearing on these conclusions. Annually, weather is cyclic and there are certainly colder and warmer years which could influence CBCs from year to year, but the probability of this effect is low concerning this trend. Second, effort can be highly variable and at some locations

has increased over time. I have not factored this into my own overview with any statistical analysis. Finally, the long-term changes in weather, notably temperature, can be influencing the increase in certain species. Hugh, in his summary, points out that the coastal diversity remains about constant but that the species mix has changed and that the abundance of certain rarer species has also changed.

Regional editors do not always report the total number of seasonal species, but Bill Purcell reported 125 species for this winter from Region 5 and Hugh McGuiness reported 197 from Region 10. Looking over the various Regions, it is clear that most of upstate would be close in numbers to the Region 5 total, except for the northern areas such as Region 7, which reported 104 species. These values for coastal and upstate areas show the large diversity differences between the warmer marine environment and the generally harsher upstate climate.

WATERFOWL AND WATERBIRDS

The Regional editors for Regions 2 and 10 commented on the decrease in abundance of wintering puddle ducks and divers. Geese and swan numbers appeared to be about normal. There were three reports for Ross's Goose, one each from Seneca and Cayuga Lakes and the last on 25 January from Savannah. Cackling Geese continue to increase in numbers. They were reported from five Regions with approximately 20 individuals seen on Long Island and thirteen reports from Region 2. As was the case last year, they were found throughout the winter in Regions 2 and 10. Regions 9 and 10 reported Barnacle Goose one day apart, and a Pink-footed Goose continued from fall in northwestern Suffolk Co., remaining through 25 December. Trumpeter Swans were reported in Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10, with a high count of 57 in Savannah on 25 January. Greater White-fronted Geese arrived in mid December in Region 10, where there were seven reports with a maximum of seven, and the last report for the state was from Region 3 on 21 February. Finally, on a note of interest, three neck-banded Snow Geese were seen at Point au Roche in Region 7. Two of these birds were banded near Quebec, but the third was banded on Baylot Island, about 2500 miles north of our border and 500 miles west of central Greenland.

Among the more unusual ducks, there were four reports of Eurasian Wigeon, with a maximum of two, and a "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal from Long Island. A drake Tufted Duck was seen several times during February from Ausable Point in Region 7. King Eiders were reported upstate from three locations, with a maximum of seven at Rainbow Shores in Region 5. Common Eider numbers were encouraging on the coast, with a high count of 896 at Shinnecock Bay on 30 December. Barrow's Goldeneye is never common, but the number recorded this winter dropped considerably from last winter. There were seven reports from four Regions, with a maximum count of five at Wickham Marsh in Region 7. Harlequin Duck was not reported from upstate this winter. Red-throated Loons remained much later than normal and in higher numbers than normal on Lake Ontario. Eared Grebes were seen at Aurora Bay in Region 3 and at Dunkirk Harbor in Region 1 from 18-28 February. A Red-

necked Grebe, which is unusual inland, was found on the Binghamton CBC. Finally, Coney Island hosted a Western Grebe in January and February.

Black Vultures were reported from only two Regions last winter. This winter, there were reports from Regions 2, 8, 9, and 10. They were seen throughout the winter in the eastern Regions, with high counts of eight along the Hudson River. Upstate, one bird spent most of January in Rochester, until it expired on 27 January.

HAWKS THROUGH OWLS

Goshawks were scarce, as usual, and reported from five Regions, all as singles. The trend of higher numbers of sightings of Merlins continued from last winter except on the coast in Region 10. Rough-legged Hawks were very scarce with fewer found than normally; only Regions 8 and 9 reported them as well represented. This past winter very few Rough-legs were wintering in the western part of the state; they were certainly common in the past. Wintering Bald Eagles continue to increase throughout the State with an unprecedented 110 counted on the St. Lawrence in Region 6. Golden Eagles are also becoming more common in winter; see the discussion in the Region 4 report.

Glaucous, Iceland, and Lesser Black-backed Gulls and Black-legged Kittiwake were all found in their usual locations. Kittiwakes are rare inland but one was reported from the Niagara River on 5 December. The only report of a California Gull—a third cycle bird—came from that same location. Thayer's Gulls were reported as singles in Regions 2 and 3, and a few were seen on the Niagara River. The only reports of Black-headed Gull came from Long Island, with four sightings, and from the Niagara River, with two sightings, the last on 10 January. Two Mew Gulls were seen on the Niagara River and one was found at Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn in Region 10. Amazingly, the two birds on the Niagara River were present at the same time and were well studied and photographed. It was believed by many that they were one each of the two subspecies, *L. c. canus* and *L. c. brachyrhynchus*. The identification and subspecies of the two are discussed in the Region 1 report. A Laughing Gull was found in Coxsackie, Region 8, a good distance north of its expected range, even during summer. Finally, an Ivory Gull visited Rouses Point on Lake Champlain in Region 7, discovered 19 February and present to 2 March (see pp. 95-96).

For the second winter, an American Avocet lingered for almost a month, beginning in mid-December, at Dunkirk Harbor. As expected, alcids were confined to the coastal Region. Noteworthy were two Atlantic Puffins and a Common Murre discovered on a pelagic trip on 17 January. Two severe storms swept many Dovekies inland on Long Island and many had to be rescued and sent to rehabilitators.

Snowy Owl numbers dropped considerably from last year's large influx. At most nine birds were reported from five Regions. A single Northern Hawk Owl was present from 30 November to 27 February in Champlain, Clinton Co.

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PHOTO GALLERY

Mew Gull (top) and Ring-billed Gull (bottom), Gravesend Bay, *Kings*, 22 Jan 10, © Peter Post. See Region 10 report.

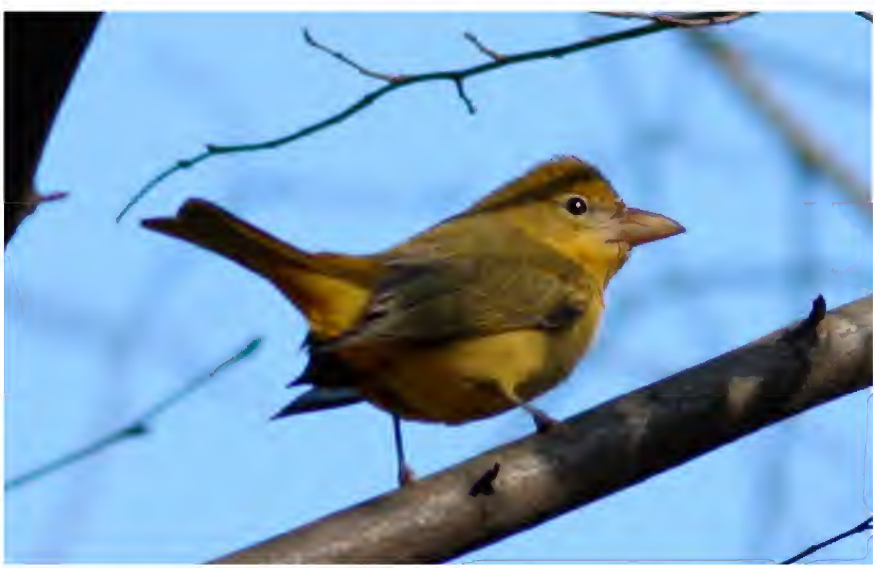
Clinton County Birds. See article pp. 95-96 & Region 8 report.
Ivory Gull, Rouses Pt. Above: 21 Feb 10, © Bryan Pfeiffer/Wings Photography; below: 27 Feb 10, © Tom Johnson.

Opposite: Northern Hawk Owl, Champlain, 15 Feb 10, © Andrew Baksh; Tufted Duck, Valcour, 21 Feb 10, © S. S. Mitra; Northern Shrike 21 Feb 10, © S. S. Mitra.

"Arctic" Black Guillemot, subspecies *mandtii/ultimus*, Sebonac Inlet, *Suffolk*. Photos © Andrew Baksh (top, 24 Dec 09), Luke Ormand (middle, 22 Dec 09), and S. S. Mitra (bottom, 23 Dec 09). See Region 10 report.

Dovekie, Great River, *Suffolk*, 28 Jan 10, © Ken Thompson; Northern Gannet, Atlantic Ocean, 17 Jan 10 © Andrew Baksh.

Summer Tanager, Spencerport, *Monroe*, 9 Dec 09, © Dominic Sherony.



Summer Tanager, Clove Lakes Park, *Richmond*, 8 Dec 09, © S. S. Mitra.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Zach's Bay, *Nassau*, 6 Dec 09. All photos © Ken Feustel. Top left: Note lack of contrast between yellow-green throat and upper breast, full eye-ring, and big-headed appearance; top right: differs from "Western" Flycatcher in darker (black) wings, shorter tail, and longer primary projection; bottom: bill broad-based and spade-shaped, with convex edges and orange lower mandible. See pp. 90-94.

Anna's Hummingbird, Liberty, *Sullivan*, 29 Oct 2007, © John Haas. See pp. 86-89.

Rufous Hummingbird, Grymes Hill, *Richmond*, 14 Oct 09, © Andrew Baksh. See pp. 86-89.

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Two Barn Owls apparently tried to winter in Springfield, Region 4; sadly, they expired in mid-winter. This was the second year of the NYSDEC's wintering raptor project. One goal is to survey Short-eared Owl numbers and wintering sites. Short-eared Owls were found in five Regions this past winter, with maximum numbers totaling 9 to 14 except in Region 10 where one to two birds were found. See the discussion in the Region 8 summary for some background into the DEC program.

PASSERINES, HALF-HARDIES, AND RARITIES

The large incursion of finches seen last winter was absent this winter. In fact, the diversity and abundance of winter finches was below average, based on the reports. There are very few highlights among rare and half-hardy species. This year, they were generally lacking throughout the state. Northern Shrike sightings were an exception to this rule, with higher numbers than in most winters; there were 16 reports from Region 2 and 20 individuals were tallied in Region 5.

Most rarities occurred in December, generally as part of the CBCs. A Veery was found on the Chatham CBC on 19 December. In Region 1 a Brewer's Blackbird was found on the Oak Orchard CBC. Two Summer Tanagers spent weeks at opposite ends of the state: one at a feeder in Ogden, Monroe Co., the other on Staten Island. Fox Sparrows were found in three Regions in December, with a latest date of 8 January in New Voorheesville, Region 8. A Lark Sparrow was at a feeder in Peru, Clinton Co. from 30 December to 2 January. A Rufous Hummingbird at Grymes Hill, Richmond Co., through 24 December, and an Ash-throated Flycatcher at South Ozone Park, Queens Co., through 18 December, were highlights for Region 10.

January highlights were fewer in number with several still associated with CBCs. An Ovenbird and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak were found on 1 January on the Ithaca CBC. A Common Grackle was at a feeder in Region 6 on 18 January. A Yellow-throated Warbler was present from 11-31 January in Region 5. And finally, a Yellow-headed Blackbird was at Kitchawan Preserve, Region 9, from 2 January to 25 February. Ten species of warblers were recorded from Region 10 including 15 reports of Orange-crowned Warbler, some of which wintered; two reports of Black-throated Green in December; and four reports of Yellow-breasted Chat, the last seen on 26 January.

In considering the bird-of-the-season, it was not a winter laced with rare birds to ponder. Many Regional editors commented on this lack of unusual species, but the overall diversity and the expected winter birds were found, albeit in lower numbers or in fewer locations than usual. It *was* a good year for gulls, with Ivory Gull and the three Mew Gulls generating a great deal of interest. This provided an incentive for many birders to get out and see them for themselves. I would have to select these two gull species as the birds of the season. I see little reason to choose between them. Both species were present for some time. It was also quite unusual to have Mew Gulls on both extremes of the State in the same winter.

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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December 2009 was typical in terms of temperature and snowfall, but a little wetter than usual. The average temperature was 28.6° F, 1.2° below normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 5.13", 1.33" more than usual, with 25.1" of snow, 0.4" less than usual. Much of the snow was during three lake effect events. January averaged out to a nearly typical month but was mild for a long stretch. The average temperature was 23.2° F, 1.3° below normal. The monthly precipitation was 3.19", 0.03" above normal, with 35.6" of snow, 9.5" more than normal. Most of the snow fell during lake effect events between the 2nd and 5th and 27th-28th. February saw nearly consistent weather, with little range in temperatures and light snow on most days. The Region missed the major snowstorms that formed along the Atlantic coast. The average temperature was 24.6°F, 1.3° below normal. The monthly precipitation was 1.60", 0.82" below normal, with 13.4" of snowfall, 4.4" below normal. The eastern basin of Lake Erie was mostly ice-covered by early February.

As usual, the Niagara River held large numbers of wintering waterfowl especially from inside the ice boom on Lake Erie to around Grand Island. High counts of 10,000+ were received for Greater Scaup, Canvasback, and Common Merganser from this area. However, totals are better reflected in the New York State winter waterfowl count data. Tundra Swans congregate in winter around Grand Island and near Strawberry Island; 317 in this area on 23 December was an impressive total. Rarer waterfowl species included the nearly annual King Eider and Barrow's Goldeneye. **King Eiders** were found by Jim Pawlicki at Sturgeon Point in early December, and then two individuals in Buffalo Harbor that were sighted several times between late January and late February. The adult male **Barrow's Goldeneye** that has been a regular at Point Breeze for the past few winters was present throughout the winter. This is the same individual as reported in the Region 2 report from the same site.

A remarkable 76 **Red-throated Loons** were counted by Willie D'Anna on Lake Ontario from Fort Niagara S.P. on 15 February. Formerly very rare beyond the first week of January, sightings and totals continue to increase on Lake Ontario in mid-winter. There were only a few Red-necked Grebe sightings this winter, all from Lake Ontario. An **Eared Grebe** at Dunkirk Harbor was present 18-28 January and well observed after its initial discovery by David Neveu.

Counts of Ruffed Grouse are rarely made, so it was encouraging to get a seemingly very high count of 13 from Jeff Reed at the Wolf Run section of Allegany S.P. on 5 February. As seen from recent breeding bird atlas data, Ruffed Grouse is not as common in Region 1 as most other parts of the State. They are much more common in the southern tier counties. There were several reports of 50+ Wild Turkeys this winter; they seem to be continuing to thrive.

There were many Bald Eagle and Merlin reports again this winter; both clearly on the rise. The maximum count of Bald Eagles was 19 at Dunkirk Harbor in mid February. There were two **Northern Goshawks** documented, an adult spying David Junkin's feeders in Wethersfield in December and an immature at Wilson-Tuscarora S.P. in January. There were very few Rough-legged Hawks reported this winter.

For the second consecutive winter, an **American Avocet** delighted many birders with an extended appearance from 12 December to 2 January. The avocet was found on the west side of Dunkirk Harbor, where it waded and swam near shore. This was only the second winter record for the Region.

The New Year started in an exciting way, with two Mew Gulls found on the Niagara River near the Niagara Power Project in the first week of January. An adult **Mew Gull** of the North American form (*L. c. brachyrhynchus*) was found on 1 January by Betsy Potter and quickly identified by Jean Iron and Willie D'Anna. There were several unverified reports of it in the next week. Even more exciting was the subsequent find of Mew Gull of the European form (*L. c. canus*), also known as **"Common Gull,"** in the same location on 6 January by Dean DiTommaso, Jean Iron, and Kevin McLaughlin and by several observers on the following day. Good photographs of both gulls were obtained. These sightings represent the 9th and 10th Regional records following three sightings in winter 2008-2009.

Other notable gulls on the Niagara River included a **California Gull** that continued from the fall season, a **Black-legged Kittiwake**, and two reports of **Black-headed Gull**. Several birders checked out Cuba Lake in Allegany County in early December, as many large gulls come in to roost there. These expeditions resulted in finding Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, which are all rare occurrences for so far inland from the Great Lakes and Niagara River. A maximum of 1,875 Herring Gulls was also a high inland count. Great Black-backed Gulls were abundant at Dunkirk Harbor this winter, with a maximum of 1,345 exceeding counts from recent winters.

The winter's only **Snowy Owl** was found by Chris Wood in Somerset and remained throughout the period. A maximum of nine **Short-eared Owls** was found in Hartland, the greatest concentration at several sites tracked by Chuck Rosenburg as part of a NYSDEC study. There were a few reports each of Long-eared Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl, mostly from CBCs.

While counting crows at the Ralph Wilson Stadium parking lots for the Hamburg-East Aurora CBC, Jim Pawlicki and Kyle Horton came across a smaller crow that was suggestive of Fish Crow structurally; however, despite several photographs, a definitive identification could not be made. Fish Crow has yet to be documented in Region 1.

Two pairs of **Bohemian Waxwings** were picked out among Cedar Waxwings along the Lake Ontario Plain representing the only sightings for this fall and winter. Joe Mitchell found and photographed a **Vesper Sparrow** in South Dayton on 27 December, one of very few winter records for the Region, especially in recent times. Several reports of hundreds of Red-winged Blackbirds in Niagara County in late December, January, and early February

were most unusual for the season. Kurt Fox also found many unseasonal blackbirds in late December on the Oak Orchard CBC, including a rare **Brewer's Blackbird**. Similar to last winter, very few waterfowl or blackbirds arrived in February this year.

Similar to the fall season, finches were nearly absent this winter. There were very few Purple Finches present, a scattering of Pine Siskin reports, and only one report of Common Redpolls. It would be too much to complain about this scarcity after the tremendous number of finches present last winter.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FMCSP - Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; MI – Motor I NR, ERIE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on NR, Lewiston, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA; GENE/ORLE; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; SPNS – Sinking Ponds NS; ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: last Oakfield GENE, OOWMA 5 Dec; arr 30 Great Valley CATT 25 Feb (MK); only reports.

Snow x Ross's Goose: N. Harmony CHAU 5 Dec (JB), same bird as documented on ChauL 28 Nov.

Cackling Goose: 5 Oakfield GENE 5 Dec; Porter NIAG 27 Dec; OOWMA 27 Dec; only reports.

Mute Swan: 2 BeSP 18 Dec; max 12, 8 Lewiston NR 7 Jan, 15 Feb; 2 PB 13 Jan; 5 Wilson NIAG 17 Jan; 2 Celeron ChauL 31 Jan.

Trumpeter Swan: Waterport ORLE 17 Dec (WW!, JeL!), only report.

Tundra Swan: 14 SPNS 6 Dec; 14 Colden ERIE 11 Dec; Sheridan CHAU 12 Dec; max 317 BeSP 23 Dec (DSh); 2 Celeron ChauL 31 Jan.

Wood Duck: 1-2, 2 Amherst ERIE 2-12 Jan, 2 Feb (JP); Olean CATT 17 Jan (TB, MD, TL); only reports.

Gadwall: max 30 NFSP 2 Feb.

Am. Wigeon: max 30 NF 6 Jan.

Am. Black Duck: 26 BWWTP 5 Dec; max 35 Strawberry I NR 12 Dec; max 35 Olean CATT 17 Jan.

N. Shoveler: 7 BWWTP 5 Dec; 2 OOWMA 5 Dec; Wilson NIAG 6 Dec; DH 12 Dec; 2 Celeron ChauL 31 Jan (JP, DW); only reports.

N. Pintail: max 14 BWWTP 5 Dec; SPNS 6 Dec; Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; OOWMA 27 Dec; Lewiston NR 30 Dec; Amherst ERIE 2, 3 Jan; Wilson NIAG 21 Jan; 2 DH 31 Jan.

Green-winged Teal: 2 Cuba L ALLE 2 Dec; 4 DH 14 Dec; 2 Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; Lackawanna ERIE 1 Jan; only reports.
Canvasback: max 10,000 NF 9 Jan (GLa); 7,245 Grand I NR 16 Jan; 7,000 MI 20 Feb.
Redhead: 161 Buffalo CBC 20 Dec; max 270 NF CBC 27 Dec; 45, 48 DH 11 Jan, 21 Feb.
Ring-necked Duck: 3 DH 6 Jan; 2 Grand I NR 16 Jan; 2 Celeron ChauL 31 Jan; max 12 Strawberry I NR 21 Feb.
Gr. Scaup: max 10,000, 13,000 Buffalo NR 23 Jan, 13 Feb (JP, DW, WW).
Lesser Scaup: 6 DH 10 Jan; 5 BuSP 16 Jan; Olean CATT 17 Jan; max 23, 24 Tonawanda NR 6, 17 Feb.
KING EIDER: Sturgeon Pt ERIE 5 Dec (JP, DW), few reports away from NR and L Ontario; 2, 1 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 23 Jan, 13-21 Feb (JP, DW).
Surf Scoter: BWWTP 5 Dec; Wilson NIAG 6 Dec; FNSP 24 Jan; only reports.
White-winged Scoter: 3 DH 20 Dec; 6 Buffalo ERIE 12 Feb; max 250 FNSP 20 Feb.
Black Scoter: 5 Wilson NIAG 6 Dec; 3 Dunkirk CBC 19 Dec; Wilson CBC 19 Dec; NF 6 Jan; 1, 2 PB 2, 15 Feb; Buffalo ERIE 28 Feb; only reports.
Bufflehead: max 1,200 Buffalo & NR 13 Feb.
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: m PB 16 Dec thru (JP, mob), likely same individual as last few winters at this location (Regions 1 and 2).
Hooded Merganser: max 125, 100 Cuba L ALLE 5, 9 Dec; 72 INWR 5 Dec; 86 DH 14 Dec.
Com. Merganser: max 10,000 NR 6 Feb (DSu).
Ruddy Duck: max 242 BWWTP 5 Dec; 2, 2 DH 14 Dec, 6 Jan; 2 BeSP 20, 22 Dec; 3 Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; BuSP 16 Jan; Buffalo NR 24 Jan; only reports.
Ruffed Grouse: 13 AlSP 5 Feb (JR), encouraging high count in Wolf Run area.
Wild Turkey: several reports of groups of 50+.
Red-throated Loon: Silver Creek CHAU 5 Dec; max 40, 167 Wilson NIAG 6, 19 Dec (WD); 5 GHSP 23 Jan; Yates ORLE 23 Jan; 8 Wilson NIAG, 3 FMCSP 24 Jan; 2 PB 2 Feb; 76 FNSP 15 Feb (WD), remarkable count for Feb; winter records on L Ontario continue to incr.
Com. Loon: last FNSP 31 Dec.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 11 DH 21 Feb.
Horned Grebe: max 100 Derby ERIE to Barcelona CHAU 5 Dec; 51 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 23 Jan; 3 DH 24 Feb.
Red-necked Grebe: 1, 2 Wilson NIAG 6, 19 Dec; 3 GHSP 23 Jan; 2 Wilson NIAG 24 Jan; only reports.
EARED GREBE: DH 18-28 Feb (DN, mob), increased sightings in recent winters.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 215, 146 DH 14 Dec, 21 Feb; Lewiston NR 4, 10 Jan; 2 Tonawanda NR 18 Jan; 5 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 23 Jan.
Great Blue Heron: 19 DH 9 Jan; 53 MI 16 Jan; max 87 MI and Strawberry I NR 24 Jan.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 14 Buffalo ERIE 7 Jan (JT); imm DH 16 Jan (CH), only report.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 19 DH 18 Feb (DN); well reported from other traditional wintering and breeding areas.
N. Goshawk: ad Wethersfield WYOM 28 Dec (DJ!, photo); imm WTSP 20 Jan (BC, JS); only reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: Orchard Park ERIE 3-6 Dec; Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; Hamburg-E Aurora CBC 26 Dec; Shelby ORLE 27 Dec; Pomfret CHAU 23 Jan; 2 Darien GENE 4, 23 Feb; Bennington WYOM 8 Feb; only reports.
Rough-legged Hawk: only 7 on 3 CBCs; only six other reports; unusually few.
Merlin: Elma ERIE 2 Dec; Buffalo ERIE 11 Dec, 20 Jan; Buffalo CBC 20 Dec; Hamburg-E Aurora CBC 26 Dec; NF 23 Dec; FNSP 31 Dec; S Buffalo ERIE 1-31 Jan; E Aurora ERIE 16 Jan; Clarence Center ERIE 10 Feb; BeSP 20 Feb; Carlton ORLE 28 Feb; incr in winter.
Peregrine Falcon: 2 Newstead ERIE 1 Dec (GC, GLi); DH 14 Dec; 2 Grand I ERIE 30 Dec; 2 Buffalo ERIE 1 Jan; Dunkirk CHAU 14 Jan; NFSP 30 Jan; well reported near nesting areas and elsewhere.
Am. Coot: max 78 INWR 5 Dec; 68, 75 DH 14 Dec, 5 Feb; NFSP 9 Jan; 7 BuSP 10 Jan; PB 12, 16 Jan; 6 Celeron ChauL 31 Jan.
Killdeer: 2 Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; Pomfret CHAU 9 Jan (TM); 2 Clymer CHAU 21 Feb (JP, WW); only reports.
AM. AVOCET: DH 12 Dec – 2 Jan (DN, mob), 2nd winter report, 2nd consecutive winter.
Wilson's Snipe: Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; 4 Clymer CHAU 19 Feb (AB, BS), only reports.
Black-legged Kittiwake: NF 5 Dec (WD), only report.
Bonaparte's Gull: 8,000 Buffalo NR 11 Dec; leucistic Whirlpool NR 17 Dec, 14 Jan; 9,942 FNSP 31 Dec; max 10,000 Buffalo NR 9 Jan.
BLACK-HEADED GULL: Whirlpool NR 5 Dec (JM); Lewiston NR 9, 10 Jan (GLa, WD), only reports.
Little Gull: max 9 Buffalo NR 11 Dec (JP); 8 NPP 23 Dec; 2 FNSP 28 Dec; 2, 2 Lewiston NR 24 Jan, 21 Feb; DH 31 Jan.

MEW GULL: NPP 1 Jan (WD! JI! NYSARC), North American form (*L. c. brachyrhynchus*); NPP 6, 7 Jan (JI!, JP!, WW, NYSARC), European form (*L. c. canus*); 9th and 10th regional records of "Mew Gull".
CALIFORNIA GULL: 3rd-cycle NPP 5, 23, 30 Dec, 2 Jan (WD!, WW, JP, NYSARC), continued from fall.
Herring Gull: 1,875 Cuba L ALLE 2 Dec (JP, WW), good count for inland location.
Herring x Glaucous Gull: NPP 1 Jan (WD); Lewiston NR 12 Feb (WD); several sightings of "Nelson's Gull" on NR are regular each winter.
Thayer's Gull: a few reports NPP, NF; all sightings considered "probable" due to identification difficulties.
Iceland Gull: Cuba L ALLE 2, 5 Dec (JP, WW, RR, JeL); max 15, 19 NPP 5 Dec, 7 Jan (WD, BC); DH 11 Jan; PB 24 Jan; Buffalo NR 30 Jan; 6 Lewiston NR 7 Feb; 4 Olcott NIAG 26 Feb.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 3 ad Cuba L ALLE 2 Dec (WW, JP), rare inland; max 14 NF 5 Dec (WD); 6 NPP 4, 7 Jan; 6 NFSP 9 Jan.
Glaucous Gull: Cuba L ALLE 2 Dec (JP, WW), rare inland; Orchard Park ERIE 26 Dec (JP, KH); 3 DH Jan; PB 24 Jan, 24 Feb.
G. Black-backed Gull: max 1,345 DH 5 Jan.
Tern species: Grand I NR 13 Dec (BK), probable Common.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: Somerset NIAG 27 Dec – 15 Feb (CW, mob); only report.
Long-eared Owl: 8 Porter NIAG 27 Dec (WD); OOWMA 27 Dec (KF); only reports.
Short-eared Owl: NF Air Station NIAG 17 Dec; 2 Shelby ORLE 27 Dec; 5 Cambria NIAG 30 Dec; max 9, 6 Hartland NIAG 17, 19-29 Jan (CR); only reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: 3 Wilson CBC 19 Dec; OOWMA 27 Dec (KF); Bethany GENE 15, 19 Jan (DB); only reports.
Red-headed Woodpecker: LBSP 18 Jan, 15 Feb (GLa); only report.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Silver Creek CHAU 11 Dec; Bethany GENE 12 Dec; 5 on 4 CBCs; only reports.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: seemed to be an average season; reported throughout Reg.
***possible* FISH CROW:** Orchard Park ERIE 26 Dec (JP, KH), smallish bird showing some characteristics of Fish Crow but not conclusive; still no confirmed reports in Reg.
Com. Raven: 14 AISP 27 Dec (TB), one group; Colden ERIE 31 Dec; 2 Arkwright CHAU 7 Feb; 2 Middlebury WYOM 16 Feb; only reports outside of CATT or ALLE.
Horned Lark: max 95 Bethany GENE 13 Jan.
Carolina Wren: fewer reports than usual.
Winter Wren: Dunkirk Airport CHAU 14 Dec; 3 Wilson CBC 19 Dec; 2 Buffalo CBC 20 Dec; 7 NF CBC 27 Dec; only reports.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 6 Jamestown CBC 20 Dec, only reports.
E. Bluebird: max 12 Sheridan CHAU 14 Jan (DN).
Hermit Thrush: Buffalo ERIE 25 Dec (AH); NF CBC 27 Dec; only reports.
Am. Robin: max 60 Westfield CHAU 21 Feb.
Gray Catbird: SPNS 6 Dec (LH); Buffalo ERIE 3 Jan (PY); INWR 25 Jan (PH); OOWMA 15 Feb (S&TO); only reports.
N. Mockingbird: Lackawanna ERIE 1 Jan; Arcade WYOM 9 Jan; Grand I ERIE 14 Jan; only reports away from NIAG.
Am. Pipit: last 3 Jamestown CBC 20 Dec, only report.
Bohemian Waxwing: arr 2 Carlton ORLE 16 Dec (JP); 2 Somerset NIAG 20 Jan (BC, JS).
Cedar Waxwing: max 150 Somerset NIAG 20 Jan.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 7 Wilson CBC 19 Dec; 2 Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; 3 Porter NIAG 27 Dec (WD); 1, 2 Bethany GENE 29 Jan, 27 Feb (DB, DTi); only reports.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: 2 Dunkirk CBC 19 Dec; Medina ORLE 28 Dec – 29 Jan (CM); 2 Beaver Meadow CBC 2 Jan; only reports.
Field Sparrow: Scio CBC 19 Dec; Jamestown CBC 20 Dec; 8 Beaver Meadow CBC 2 Jan; Tifft NP 6, 13 Feb (CN); only reports.
VESPER SPARROW: S Dayton CATT 27 Dec (JM!), very rare in winter.
Fox Sparrow: Colden ERIE 11 Dec (J&KL); Tonawanda ERIE 20 Dec (GR); only reports.
Swamp Sparrow: 20 on 6 CBCs; no reports beyond Dec.
White-crowned Sparrow: max 14 Scio CBC 19 Dec; Porter NIAG 9 Jan; 12 Bethany GENE 13 Jan (DB); 8 Carlton ORLE 31 Jan.
Lapland Longspur: max 17 Somerset NIAG 9 Jan; 6 Newfane, Porter, Yates NIAG 10 Jan; 4 Bethany GENE 13 Jan; Alexander GENE 8 Feb; 3 Carlton ORLE 28 Feb.
Snow Bunting: 392 Sheldon WYOM 24 Dec (DJ); 350 Porter NIAG 27 Dec; 220 Bethany GENE 13 Jan; 450 Wilson NIAG 13 Feb (WD); max 1650 Carlton ORLE 15 Feb (DTe).

Red-winged Blackbird: 235 Ransomville NIAG 27 Dec (MM); 147 OOWMA 27 Dec (KF); max 320, 450 Lewiston NIAG 15 Jan, 3 Feb (WD); unusually high counts for winter; arr Portland CHAU 25 Feb.
Rusty Blackbird: 2 OOWMA 27 Dec; 3 Jamestown CHAU 1-31 Jan (JN); only reports.
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: Shelby ORLE 27 Dec (KF!), rare.
Com. Grackle: 6 Wilson CBC 19 Dec; Buffalo CBC 20 Dec; Ransomville NIAG 27 Dec; OOWMA 27 Dec; Salamanca CATT 28 Dec; Alden ERIE 19 Jan; only reports.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 120 Ransomville NIAG 27 Dec; 75 Alden ERIE 19 Jan; max 350, 200 Clarence ERIE 19, 22 Jan (KF); 150 Lancaster ERIE 19 Jan.
Purple Finch: few reports; low numbers on CBCs; max 8 Dunkirk CBC 19 Dec.
Com. Redpoll: 2 Java WYOM 2 Jan (MG, RH), only report.
Pine Siskin: 10 on 5 CBCs, only reports.

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REGION 2—GENESEE

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It was a winter of contrasts. The National Weather Service called December 2009 a "dismal" month. This came from the fact that there was only 20% of possible sunshine vs. 27% normal. There was only a single day during the month that was called "mostly sunny". The average temperature of 27.9° was about 1.5° below normal, with no real extremes anytime during the month. The first half of the month was mild followed by a typically cold second half. The 2.95" of precipitation were a mere 0.22" above normal, with the heaviest falling on the 9th and late on the 25th. Snow totaled 25.4", with 22.0" being the norm. The heaviest falls were lake effect blasts on the 10th, 16th and 28th. All in all, January turned out to be a typical month. The average temperature of 24.2° was 0.3° above normal, while precipitation was 0.1" below normal at 2.24". Snowfall amounted totaled 33.8", 8" above normal. January experienced plenty of cold and snow, but also had a long mild, but overcast period. There were 17 days of below normal temperatures, including three days that started out below 0°. There were 14 days that averaged 9° above normal. While the rainfall was about average, about half of it fell on the 24th and 25th. The bulk of the snowfall came during two periods of lake effect snows, with 18" falling from 2-8 January and 9" from 27-29 January. The mild period returned us to bare ground. Possible sunshine was 26% compared to the usual 31%. February was a fairly consistent month. The average temperature of 25.5° was only 0.2° above normal. The highest temperature for the month was 37°. That was the third lowest max in the last 137 years. The daily temperature range of about 10° was unusually low. Precipitation was 2.4", 0.36" above normal. Snowfall totaled 30.4", 8.4" below average. We were spared the record storms that hit the states south and east of us, but we had 20 days with measurable snowfall. The heaviest snow fell on the 25th and 26th, with an area wide snow that ranged from 12–18". It was the heaviest single snow in three years. There was 26% of available sunshine compared to the usual 38%.

It was a relatively quiet winter season. Birds were difficult to find at times and the usual concentrations never materialized. It was a weak season for waterfowl. Snow Goose and Cackling Goose continue to be reported in good numbers. Trumpeter Swans continue to build in number. The rest of the waterfowl picture wasn't good; there were few reports of wintering puddle ducks, and divers were in short supply. This was particularly true of Canvasback, Greater Scaup, and Bufflehead. Other divers were okay, but didn't approach totals of recent winters past. The Barrow's Goldeneye at Point Breeze returned for another winter. Hybrid Barrow's x Common Goldeneyes were found at Chimney Bluffs and Point Breeze. Red-throated and Common Loons were reported, but again Red-throated outnumbered Common. Horned Grebes were not plentiful, except at very local spots. A few more than typical Red-necked Grebes wintered in the Region. A late Northern Gannet was seen by Dave Tetlow on 5 December. Irondequoit Bay hosted now annual Double-crested Cormorants through the season. Great Blue Herons wintered, but numbers were down slightly. A major surprise was a Black Vulture discovered by Dave Tetlow on 7 January and seen by many until found dead on 27 January in an old shed near the original sighting location. The specimen was sent to the NYS Wildlife Pathology Lab. Turkey Vultures seemed to be scattered throughout the southern portions of the Region, with a concentration of 30+ reported by Martha Zettel in Rush.

Bald Eagles continued their winter presence in the Region with a record high count of four on the Rochester CBC, and Cooper's Hawk also reached a record high total of 14 on that count. There were very few N. Goshawk reports. Rough-legged Hawks were scarce this season. Merlin and Peregrine Falcon were well reported again this winter. American Kestrel numbers continued low. Virginia Rail wintered again in Mendon Ponds Park. Sandhill Cranes lingered on into December, with a maximum of 17 in Savannah from 5 to 8 December. December saw some late shorebird sightings, with Killdeer, Ruddy Turnstone, Dunlin, and Purple Sandpiper all present into the month, and the Ruddy Turnstone dates state record late inland.

There were few gull highlights, with the Thayer's Gull found by Andy Guthrie in January at Hamlin Beach the most noteworthy. White-winged Gulls were found with some regularity, and Lesser Black-backed Gull was reported each month. Gull numbers fluctuated throughout the season in correlation with the ice conditions on the ponds and lakes.

One to three Eurasian Collared-Doves were seen sporadically through the season. There were only two Snowy Owl reports. However, a Long-eared Owl roost was located in Mendon Ponds Park and monitored through the season. The maximum of 13 Short-eared Owls in Lima was good compared with peaks in some recent years. Red-headed Woodpeckers were found away from the traditional haunts. Record highs of 47, 170, and 80 Red-bellied Woodpeckers were found on the Letchworth-Silver Lake, Rochester, and Conesus-Hemlock CBCs, respectively. There were scattered sightings of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Northern Shrike sightings fluctuated throughout the season. A record high 24,784 Am. Crows were counted on the Rochester CBC, most going to the

downtown roost in the evening. Common Ravens continued to be found throughout the Region, with a pair apparently taking up residence in Mendon Ponds Park.

Hermit Thrush went unreported this winter. Gray Catbirds were discovered in Durand-Eastman Park, Savannah, and Hamlin. Am. Pipit reports came from Mt. Morris, Conesus, Letchworth SP, and Byron for an unusual number of winter sightings. There were few reports of Cedar Waxwings. A female Black-throated Blue Warbler visiting the Leubner's feeder in Irondequoit was last seen on 18 December. Wintering Yellow-rumped Warblers were found in Caledonia and at Hogan Point, and Common Yellowthroat was reported into January. A Chipping Sparrow in Fairport stayed through the season. Two Field Sparrows were located on the Letchworth-Silver Lake CBC, and one in Parma was reported off and on throughout the season. Savannah Sparrows were seen in Cuylerville. White-throated and White-crowned Sparrow numbers seemed down. The 80+ Lapland Longspurs in Kendall in February was a good total. Snow Buntings were scattered throughout the Region, but few really large concentrations were reported.

A female Summer Tanager visiting a feeder in Ogden was a real highlight. It was seen and photographed by a many observers but was last seen on 29 December, much to the disappointment of the 2010 year listers. Red-winged Blackbirds were seen throughout the season, as were Rusty Blackbirds. There was only a single Eastern Meadowlark sighting. Grackles were scarce, but Brown-headed Cowbirds were reported with some regularity. It certainly wasn't a finch winter. There were a few Purple Finch reports, one report of Common Redpoll, and small flocks of Pine Siskins reported from only a few locations. Evening Grosbeak went unreported.

December's species total was slightly below the 10-year average at 123. That brought the 2009 total to 292 compared to the 10-year average of 293.8. January started 2010 with a species total of 122, down from the 10-year average largely due to a lack of any major Big January list attempts. February's total of 107 species was about at the 10-year average of 109.4, but the year's total of 123 was 10+ species below the 10-year average of 133.8.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BB – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; BC – Bear Creek, WAYN; CA – T Caledonia, LIVI; CL – Conesus Lake, LIVI; T Cuylerville, LIVI; DE – Durand-Eastman Park, MONR; G – T Greece, MONR; H – T Hamlin, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach State Park, MONR; IB – Irondequoit Bay, T Irondequoit, MONR; K – T Kendall, ORLE; LCBC – Letchworth-Silver Lake Christmas Bird Count; LLCBC – Little Lakes Christmas Bird Count; LW – Letchworth State Park; LIVI, WYOM; MP – endon Ponds Park, MONR; NR – Nations Road, LIVI; OB – Ontario Beach, Charlotte, MONR; OG – T Ogden, MONR; P – T Parma, MONR; PB – Point Breeze, T Carlton, ORLE; PE – Town Perinton, MONR; R – T Rush, MONR; RCBC – Rochester Christmas Bird Count; S – T Savannah, WAYN; SL – Silver Lake, WYOM; TC – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Lima, LIVI; W – T Webster, MONR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 50,000+ S 27 Dec.
Ross's Goose: 1 S 25 Jan (DT).
Cackling Goose: 1 HB 2 Dec (RS); 3 TC 1 Dec (MW); 1 SL (KF); 2 BB 20 Dec (DT); 1 H 30 Dec (AGu); 2 HB 1 Jan (JeB, KF, DT, CW); 1 K 1 Jan (JBc, KF, DT, CW); 1 BB 17 Jan (GL, KG); 1 G 21 Jan (GL); 2 S 25 JAN (DT); 1 PB 31 Jan (PY); 1 PB 2 Feb (RS); 1 Honeoye Falls, MONR 9 Feb (BC); 1 G 19 Feb (KG).
Canada Goose: max 28,000 S 19 Dec.
Brant: last 1 IB 8 Dec (DS, RS, MT).
Mute Swan: max 471 RCBC 20 Dec.
Trumpeter Swan: max 57 S 19 Dec (RS, WG), record high.
Tundra Swan: max 265 S 25 Jan (DT).
Gadwall: 2 Honeoye Lake, LIVI 2 Jan.
Am. Wigeon: 1 T Victor 4 Jan.
Am. Black Duck: max 600+ NR 15 Feb (JK).
Mallard: max 3000+ NR 15 Feb (JK).
N. Shoveler: 4 G 8 Dec (RS); 1 T Brockport 7 Jan.
Green-winged Teal: 1 CL 2 Jan.
Canvasback: max 26 G 24 Feb.
Redhead: max 3700 CL 2 Jan.
Ring-necked Duck: max 872 Hemlock Lake, LIVI 17 Jan.
Greater Scaup: max 470 OB 13 Feb.
Long-tailed Duck: max 846 RCBC 20 Dec.
Com. Goldeneye: max 971 RCBC 20 Dec.
Barrow's Goldeneye: 1 PB thru (mob), same individual as reported in nearby Region 1.
Barrow's x Com. Goldeneye: 1 PB 14 Jan (DT); 1 Chimney Bluffs, WAYN 18 Jan (DS, MT); 1 PB 8 Feb (DT).
Hooded Merganser: max 41 RCBC 20 Dec.
Com. Merganser: max 300+ IB 23 Dec.
Ruddy Duck: max 5 CL 13 Dec, 2 Jan.
Red-throated Loon: max 48 HB 5 Dec.
Pied-billed Grebe: 1 IB 1-16 Jan.
Horned Grebe: max 120 IB to BC 17 Jan.
Red-necked Grebe: max 4 IB to BC 17 Jan.
N. Gannet: 1 PB 5 Dec (DT).
Double-crested Cormorant: max 15 IB 1 Dec.
Great Blue Heron: max 13 RCBC 20 Dec.
BLACK VULTURE: 1 BB 7-27 Jan (DT, mob), found dead on the 27th.
Turkey Vulture: max 34 R 16 Jan (MZ).

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 4 RCBC 20 Dec, record high; max 4 LCBC 19 Dec.
Cooper's Hawk: max 14 RCBC 20 Dec, record high.
N. Goshawk: 1 W 19 Dec (D&DT).
Merlin: total 6 all Feb.
Peregrine Falcon: total 5 all Feb.
Virginia Rail: 1 MP 28-31 Jan, 1-14 Feb (PM).
Sandhill Crane: max 16-17 S 1-8 Dec (mob).
Killdeer: max 4 IB 3 Dec (DT), south end; last 1 CL 12 Dec (JK).
Ruddy Turnstone: last 1 BB **2-5 Dec** (DT, mob), State inland record late.
Purple Sandpiper: last 1 IB 4 Dec (RM).
Dunlin: last 2 IB 20 Dec (mob).

Wilson's Snipe: 2 Springwater, LIVI, 2 Jan (JG).
Thayer's Gull: 1 HB 1 Jan (AGu).
Iceland Gull: max 4 OG 1 Jan.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 3 OG 1 Jan.
Glaucous Gull: max 2 OG 1 Jan.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Eurasian Collared-Dove: 1-3 P, H 1-31 Dec (mob); 1-2 P 5,7 Jan (AGu, KG); 2 P 3 Feb (AG); 1 P 25,27 Feb (DT).
E. Screech-Owl: max 67 RCBC 20 Dec; 1 HP 20-25 Jan, red morph.
Snowy Owl: arr 1 K 1-6 Dec (TM, mob); 1 H 28 Dec (DT).
Barred Owl: 2 Rattlesnake Hill WMA, LIVI 4 Feb.
Long-eared Owl: 3-4 MP 12 Jan thru (KH, SD, DT).
Short-eared Owl: max 13 Lima, LIVI 8 Feb.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 LW 1 Jan (CM); 1 Troutburg, ORLE 5 Feb (DT).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: **47** LCBC 19 Dec; **170** RCBC 20 Dec; **80** LLCBC 2 Jan, all record highs for the respective CBC's.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 S 19 Dec (CS-C, CB); 1 LCBC 19 Dec (mob), 1 R 10 Jan CM); 1 CL 21 Feb (KC).

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: total 16 all Feb (DT).
Am. Crow: max **24,784** RCBC 20 Dec, record high.
Com. Raven: 1 Honeoye Falls, MONR 1 Dec (BC); 2 MP 14-31 Jan (BC, mob).
Horned Lark: max 335 H 28 Dec.
Marsh Wren: 1 SL 19 Dec (KF).
Gray Catbird: 1 S 19 Dec (RS, WG); 1 DE 1-13 Jan (mob); 1 H 1 Jan JeB, KF, DT, CW).
Am. Pipit: 4 Mount Morris, LIVI 18 Dec (DS); 1 Conesus, LIVI 24 Dec (JaP); 1 LW 28 Jan (DB, CS); 1 Byron, GENE 20 Feb (GL).

WARBLERS

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 fem T Irondequoit, MONR 1-18 Dec (GL, mob), record late.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 4 S 19 Dec (WG, RS); 9 CA 2 Jan (DT); max 12 CA 13 Feb (GL).
Com. Yellowthroat: 1 S 7 Dec (TL, JMc); 1 CA 8 Jan (DT).

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 1 HB 11 Jan (D & KT).
Chipping Sparrow: 1 PE 1-6 Jan (B& MAC).
Field Sparrow: 2 LCBC 19 Dec (mob); 1 P 20-31 Dec, 1-31 Jan, 1 Feb (mob).
Savannah Sparrow: 3 CU 12-31 Jan, 1-16 Feb (DT, JK).
Lapland Longspur: max 80+ K 2 Feb (RS).
Snow Bunting: max 1500 H 30 Jan (AGu).
SUMMER TANAGER: 1 fem T Ogden, MONR 1-29 Dec (F&DC, mob), 2nd Regional fall and 1st winter record.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 120 CU 27 Feb.
E. Meadowlark: 1 Livonia, LIVI 3 Jan (DT, KF).
Rusty Blackbird: 1 PE 4 Jan R & GG); 3 MP 1-3 Jan (BC); max 12 LIVI 2 Feb (R&C Mc, RO).
Com. Redpoll: max 20 G 13 Jan (BC).

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REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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The winter season in Region 3 began rather typically, with December temperatures and snow levels each just slightly below average in Ithaca. Ithaca temperatures were a frigid 6.5 ° F below normal for 1-13 January, with at least half an inch of snowfall on 10 of these 13 days. Then the weather turned, with unseasonably high temperatures and only one day with greater than half-inch snowfall for the rest of the month. The temperature for the entire month of January 2010 ended up exactly equal to the historical average, but with only a trace of snow cover by 1 February. Weather throughout most of February was unremarkable, with temperatures and snowfall right at historical norms, but on 26-27 February a storm dropped nearly two feet of snow on the Region.

Geese on and around both Seneca and Cayuga Lakes highlighted the season's waterfowl reports. Both lakes had Brant lingering into December, as well as multiple reports of Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, and Cackling Goose in January and February. The most unusual duck was notable as much for its mystery as for its probable rarity. On 30 January, Tom Johnson found and photographed an unusual female goldeneye in a flock of Common Goldeneye south of Long Point State Park. This bird showed characteristics consistent with Barrow's Goldeneye, including an apparently short, shallow, mostly pale orange bill, steep forehead, and rounded "mane." At certain angles, however, the head shape did not seem to match completely with pure Barrow's. In the end, it proved impossible to pinpoint the bird's identity. The expected variety of common wintering waterfowl was present in the Region but not reported in unusual numbers. Remarkably, for the eleventh consecutive year, an Eared Grebe wintered on Aurora Bay.

As in past years, raptors around Ithaca appeared rather reliably at accessible locations, to the pleasure of many birders. Among these birds were: an adult Red-shouldered Hawk at Sapsucker Woods, a Peregrine Falcon on the cliff-like faces of Bradfield Hall on the Cornell University campus, and two adult Bald Eagles around Stewart Park. Merlins made scattered appearances at multiple locations.

A late Killdeer was at Dean's Cove State Marine Park on Cayuga Lake on 12 December. Shorebirds were otherwise absent.

Chris Wood found an adult Thayer's Gull on Myers Point on 22 December. Despite the difficulty of distinguishing this taxon from "Kumlien's" Iceland Gull, Chris's fine photographs clinch this bird's identity, clearly showing wing tips that are white from below but largely charcoal-gray above, especially on the outer webs of the primaries. Actual Iceland Gulls, as well as Glaucous Gulls, were encountered sporadically throughout the winter around Ithaca. For the first winter season in three years, Slaty-backed Gull went unreported.

Sue March saw the only Snowy Owl of the season as she drove on the NYS Thruway just east of Montezuma NWR on 28 February. Several observers found Northern Saw-whet Owls and Short-eared Owls at various locations, but no one reported any rare owl species or unusual numbers.

As expected, a few half-hardy species such as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, and Rusty Blackbird turned up here and there throughout the Region. Four American Pipits were tallied on the Elmira Christmas Bird Count on 2 January, a new high and third record for this count. An American Pipit appeared at Myers Park in Lansing on 18 January and again two weeks later. Two unexpected mimids lingered into the winter. Lisa Gillis found a Brown Thrasher in Corning in early January. In December and again in February, Chris Wood, Jessie Barry, and others saw a Gray Catbird at a Cornell Plantations preserve along Monkey Run South in Varna. It seems probable that these catbird records represent a single individual staying all winter. Observer effort at the site was minimal or absent in January.

By far the biggest songbird surprise of the season was an **Ovenbird** observed by ornithologist Stefan Hames on the Ithaca CBC in the suburban village of Cayuga Heights. This bird was evidently present for about a week around 1 January at a feeder. A Field Sparrow found by Ryan Douglas in Lansing in February was the season's least expected sparrow. Also notable was the widespread and prolonged occurrence of Swamp Sparrows throughout the winter, including a record high count of 21 on Ithaca's CBC on 1 January.

The Ithaca CBC also turned up an immature **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, which Bob McGuire found on Neimi Road. After the huge irruption of 2008-09, this season's winter finch turnout was, perhaps predictably, very sparse. A female Evening Grosbeak appeared regularly throughout almost all of February at Bill Baker's feeders in Caroline. Two days after that bird was last sighted at Bill's place, Steve Fast observed a female Evening Grosbeak at his feeders a few miles away. Annette Finney found the season's only Common Redpoll on the Ithaca CBC, also in Caroline. Twice in February, Ryan Douglas reported a single Pine Siskin in south Lansing. Near the end of the month, Anne Marie Johnson saw a Pine Siskin at her feeders in Caroline. No one submitted observations of crossbills or Pine Grosbeaks.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ATSMP – Allan Treman State Marine Park, Ithaca; CU – Cornell University; dtIth – downtown Ithaca; EBSCBC – Eaton Birding Society Christmas Bird Count; ECBC – Elmira Christmas Bird Count; ESP – East Shore Park, Ithaca; GCBC – Geneva Christmas Bird Count; HHSF – Hammond Hill State Forest; ICBC – Ithaca Christmas Bird Count; LPtSP – Long Point State Park; MNWR – Montezuma NWR; Myers – Myers Park, Lansing; SchCBC – Schuyler County CBC; SLSP – Seneca Lake State Park; StvR – Stevenson Road, Dryden; SW – Sapsucker Woods; StP – Stewart Park, Ithaca.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 1 Union Springs (CAYU) 11 Jan (DN); 1 StP 20 Jan (JM), 24 Jan (DN, SK); 1 SLSP 20 Feb (GC); 1 Myers 20-21 Feb (SD, TBJ, JGK, mob!).
Ross's Goose: 1 Cayuga Lake (SENE) 12 Dec (TBJ); 1 Lake Road, Ledyard (CAYU) 21 Dec (CLW, JB).
Brant: 1 StP 7 Dec (JM) and 13 Dec (DN). 1 Seneca Harbor Park (SENE) 13 Dec (MP).
Canada x Snow Goose hybrid: 1 Cayuga Lake (SENE) 12 Dec (TBJ, TL, CWi).
Cackling Goose: 4 Cayuga Lake (SENE) 12 Dec (TBJ, TL, CWi).
Mute Swan: 7 Harris Park (CAYU) 27 Jan (JM, TBJ).
Tundra Swan: max 1000 Mud Lock (CAYU) 6 Feb (MT).
Trumpeter Swan: max 8 Mud Lock (CAYU) 31 Jan (TL).
Gadwall: max 13 StP 12 Dec (JM, TL, CWi, TBJ).
N. Shoveler: 5 ATSMP 12 Dec (KR); 1 SW 1 Jan (TS).
Wood Duck: 2 ECBC 2 Jan, 8th count record.
Redhead: max 8200 ESP 21 Feb (CLW).
Surf Scoter: 1 StP 13 Jan (BM).
Long-tailed Duck: max 4 StP 7 Jan (CLW).
EARED GREBE: 1 Aurora Bay 11 Jan (DN) until 17 Feb (GL).
Double-crested Cormorant: 5 SchCBC 24 Dec, new count high.
Turkey Vulture: max 3 Guyanoga Valley (YATE) 11 Jan (LD, BG).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 SW thru.
Bald Eagle: 2 StP 25 Jan (MC).
Merlin: 1 SchCBC 24 Dec; 1 StP 18 Jan (DN); 1 Brooktondale (TOMP) 24 Jan (AF); 1 SW 25 Jan (KM).
Peregrine Falcon: 1 CU 3 Jan - 28 Jan (MM, RZ, mob).
Sandhill Crane: 35 Armitage Road (SENE) 8 Dec (CG, JGr).
Killdeer: 1 Dean's Cove State Marine Park (SENE) 12 Dec (LD, TBJ, TL, CWi, BG, LL).
THAYER'S GULL: 1 Myers 22 Dec (CLW, mob!).
Iceland Gull: arr 1 StvR 27 Jan (KM); max 2 StvR 29 Jan (TBJ).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 StP 1 Jan (KR); 1 ECBC 2 Jan, 3rd count record; 1 StP and StvR 29 Jan (TBJ, DN).
Glaucous Gull: 1 StP 5 Jan (DN); 1 StP and StvR thru 12 Feb (DN, TBJ).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: 1 just east of MNWR (SENE) 28 Feb (SM).
N. Saw-whet Owl: 1 Neimi Road, Dryden 22 Jan (RD); 1 HHSF 4 Feb (SF); 1 Rte. 89 (TOMP) 8 Feb (MS).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Lodi thru (HW); 1 Quick Cemetery (TOMP) 11 Jan (JGe).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 ECBC 2 Jan, 5th count record and first in 24 years; 1 HHSF 1 Jan (SF); 1 Lake Road, Aurora 14 Jan (JM, PM).
Am. Robin: 3000 Ledyard (CAYU) 5 Jan (SF) +.
Hermit Thrush: 1 SW 7 Jan (WH), 15 Jan (TS), 31 Jan (AM, DN); 1 EcoVillage Ithaca 8 Feb (SG).
Gray Catbird: 1 Monkey Run South, Dryden 13 Dec & 20 Feb thru (CLW); unus in winter.
Brown Thrasher: 1 Murphy Road, Corning 3 Jan (LG).
Am. Pipit: 4 ECBC 2 Jan, high, 3rd count record; 1 Myers 18 Jan (MC) and 31 Jan (TL, JM).

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 SW 27 Jan (JM); 1 east of Ithaca 3 Feb (TN); 1 SW 17 Feb (GL).
OVENBIRD: 1 Cayuga Heights (TOMP) 1 Jan (RSH), very rare in winter.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Field Sparrow: 1 Bomax Drive, Lansing, 31 Jan (RD), only report.
Swamp Sparrow: 21 ICBC 1 Jan, new count high.
White-crowned Sparrow: max 4 EBSCBC 3 Jan; 1 Covert (SENE) 17 Jan (P&MAW; MS).
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 imm Neimi Road, Dryden 1 Jan (BM).
Brown-headed Cowbird: 1 Caroline (TOMP) 21 Feb (BB).
Red-winged Blackbird: 7 ECBC 2 Jan, first on count in 8 years.
Rusty Blackbird: 1 SW 22 Dec (DM); 1 EBSCBC; 1 SW 4 Feb (CLW).
Com. Grackle: 1 Dryden 2 Jan (CvL); 1 SchCBC 24 Dec.
Evening Grosbeak: 1 Caroline (TOMP) 29 Jan - 26 Feb (BB, mob), 1 Caroline (TOMP) 28 Feb (SF).
Com. Redpoll: 1 Caroline (TOMP) 1 Jan (AF), only report.
Pine Siskin: 1 Lansing 7 Feb and 13 Feb (RD); 1 Brooktondale (TOMP) 27 Feb (AMJ).

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REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Overall, the winter period was marked by seasonable temperatures that averaged slightly below normal and precipitation and snowfall as a whole that were below normal. Lake effect snow, as usual, affected the more northern counties, particularly in January. Generally speaking many storms that developed only grazed the southern tier and eastern counties, which was indicative of the snowier winter the farther you went south into the Mid-Atlantic States. Only one major storm hit the area on 25-26 February with much of the Region getting anywhere from 1-2 feet.

The cone crop was overall poor across the entire Region, with only red and white pine, and European larch producing locally fair at best cone crops. The spruce crop was non-existent, thus setting the table for a good crop that should develop in 2010. Cone crops tend to be cyclical and often a good crop develops after a year where there's been a complete failure in the crop. The fruit crop was fair in some areas, and only white ash and some oaks seemed to produce a fair to good crop of seeds and acorns.

One word can basically sum up the winter period across the Region—lackluster! There were no major gull, owl or finch influxes. Waterfowl and songbird rarities seemed to be less than usual as well. There were really no big surprises during the annual mid winter waterfowl count, which was again conducted a little later in January so that it wouldn't overlap with the hunting season. The only surprise for the count was two **Green-winged Teal**. Overall numbers on the count appeared to be lower than in some recent years. One other nice find for the Region was a **Red-necked Grebe** on the Binghamton CBC on 20 December.

Cooper's Hawks continue to be reported more commonly in winter than historically, thus outnumbering Sharp-shinned Hawks across the Region. **Merlins** continue to overwinter in Binghamton, Cortland, and perhaps even Oneonta. Merlins are now almost as common in winter as the once fairly common American Kestrel. It appears that every year at least a few wintering **Golden Eagles** are found across the Region, particularly in Otsego and Delaware counties where they continue to monitor the wintering population. A handful of Golden Eagles were seen at monitoring sites in Otsego and Delaware counties. Other than the 20 reported at Franklin Mt. Hawk watch in December, there were an additional 19 reports of Golden Eagles across the Region! Some birds are clearly migrants, but other birds appear to stop over for a time or try to overwinter. There were two reported **Red-shouldered Hawks**, one on the Cortland CBC and one on the Binghamton CBC. Bald Eagles were once again reported in numbers along rivers and lakes.

Perhaps the two best sightings for the Region were the two **Barn Owls** documented in Otsego County and the six **Sandhill Cranes** seen in Scott, Cortland County, on the Cortland CBC. Unfortunately the two Barn Owls died. One N. Saw-whet Owl was heard in Tioga in February, and two late Killdeer were also reported in Tioga on 12 December.

Good songbird finds were few and far between. Notable were an adult **Red-headed Woodpecker** in Scott, Cortland County 8 February, a Yellow-rumped Warbler in Conklin 13 December, a Fox Sparrow on the Binghamton CBC, and Savannah and **Chipping Sparrows** on the Cortland CBC.

Overall, finches were nearly non-existent, with just a few scattered Pine Siskins here and there, a handful of Evening Grosbeaks at usual high elevation and remote locations, and a pair of Common Redpolls on the Binghamton CBC. There was a small but noticeable late January to mid February push of Purple Finches, which seems on par with years that the white ash forms at least a good seed crop. Lastly, only a few scattered **Type 1 Red Crossbills** were found and recorded, which again was indicative of the poor cone crop. Even in bad cone crop years, these appear to be quasi-resident in state forests of Region 4.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BCBC – Binghamton Christmas Bird Count; CCBC – Cortland Christmas Bird Count; FMHW – Franklin Mountain Hawk Watch; NWC – NYSOA Waterfowl Count; OnCBC – Oneonta Christmas Bird Count; OwCBC – Owego Christmas Bird Count: SHCBC – Sherburne Christmas Bird Count; SkanL – Skaneateles Lake; TBC – Tioga Bird Club; NCBCWW – Naturalists' Club of Broome County Weed Walkers.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: several hundred in Reg 8-18 Dec; regular early-mid Dec.
Mute Swan: 3 BCBC 20 Dec.
WOOD DUCK: 2 NWC mid-Jan; 1 CCBC 19 Dec.
Am. Black Duck: max 52 BCBC 20 Dec; 188 NWC mid-Jan.
GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 2 NWC mid-Jan.
Redhead: max 31 NWC mid-Jan; 19 SkanL CCBC 19 Dec.
Ring-necked Duck: 3 NWC mid-Jan.
Greater Scaup: max 6 Springfield OTSE 1 Jan; only two reports.
Lesser Scaup: max 25 SkanL CCBC 19 Dec.
Bufflehead: 9 SkanL CCBC 19 Dec.
Com. Goldeneye: max 55 SkanL CCBC 19 Jan.
Com. Merganser: max 268 NWC mid-Jan.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 7 Cold Brook Rd CORT Dec.
Ruffed Grouse: max 16 CCBC 19 Dec; good numbers reported.
Wild Turkey: max 381 OnCBC 19 Dec; higher than avg numbers reported.
Com. Loon: 14 Bing 2 Jan.
Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Otsiningo Park BROO 2 Feb.
RED-NECKED GREBE: BCBC 20 Dec, only report, rare in winter.
Am. Coot: 21 Otsego Lake 17 Jan.
Great Blue Heron: max 5 SHCBC 19 Dec; below average numbers throughout area in Dec, with typical decline in numbers during early Jan-late Feb.
Turkey Vulture: a few early Dec; 2 Vestal 9 Feb.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 10 BCBC 20 Dec; 3 OnCBC 19 Dec; 15 FMHW Dec totals; larger numbers concentrated in Delaware River basin; reported from all counties; now regular in smaller numbers near medium sized rivers including along Tio R from E. Homer to Whitney Pt.
N. Harrier: max 4 OwCBC 27 Dec.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 7 OwCBC 27 Dec; overall less common than Cooper's Hawk.
Cooper's Hawk: 9 BCBC 20 Dec; regular.
N. Goshawk: 1 OnCBC 19 Dec; 1 BCBC 20 Dec; only one other report, scarce.
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: CCBC 19 Dec; BCBC 20 Dec; only reports, rare.
Red-tailed Hawk: 51 FMHW Dec totals; max 94 CCBC 19 Dec.
Rough-legged Hawk: 9 CCBC 19 Dec; low numbers overall.
GOLDEN EAGLE: 20 FMHW Dec totals; 19 other reports; rare but regular and perhaps increasing winter visitor thru period esp. in OTSE and DELA, *intro.*
Am. Kestrel: max 5 OwCBC 27 Dec; scarce after Dec; overwintering birds declining for years despite generally warmer winters.
MERLIN: CCBC 19 Dec; BCBC 20 Dec; Binghamton and Cortland thru; probably occurring in winter in other areas as increase in both winter and breeding numbers continues.
Peregrine Falcon: 2 Binghamton thru, expected.
KILLDEER: 2 TIOG Dec 12, late birds.
SANDHILL CRANE: 6 CCBC Scott CORT 14 Dec (MY), exceptional sighting, but not surprising given its increasing status.

Am. Coot: max 23 Otsego Lake, where seen every winter.
Ring-billed Gull: max 380 CCBC 19 Dec.
Herring Gull: max 85 CCBC 14 Dec, low.
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: Preble CORT Feb.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 6 CCBC 18 Dec, low.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: max 603 CCBC 19 Dec.
BARN OWL: 2 E. Springfield OTSE Dec-mid Feb, well documented; both birds dying Jan-Feb; in very poor shape (TS, PN *et al.*).
E. Screech-Owl: several reports, good numbers.
Great Horned Owl: several reports and generally well distributed.
Barred Owl: 2 SHCBC 19 Dec; few reports, obviously underreported.
N. SAW-WHET OWL: 1 TIOG 20 Feb
Belted Kingfisher: max 2 BCBC 20 Dec, lower than average numbers overall.
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: adult Scott CORT 8 Feb.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: numerous reports along river valleys and towns at <1500'; increasing reports from 1500'-2000'; 4 present on OnCBC in area still scarce.
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: CCBC 19 Dec; only report compared with a handful last year.
N. Flicker: max 2 CCBC & OnCBC19 Dec; absent again on SHCBC; still generally scarce.
Pileated Woodpecker: good numbers reported throughout area.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: max 3 CCBC 19 Dec; few reports, quite scarce.
Blue Jay: max 487 OnCBC 19 Dec.
Fish Crow: BCBC 20 Dec; at typical locations near waterways between Binghamton and Owego but still not found north to Cortland despite it being found in Ithaca and Syracuse.
Com. Raven: 1-9 reported on all area CBC's; max 45 Middlefield NY Feb; >15+ at Chenango Co dump; sev widely scattered rep thru; winter numbers appear to be increasing.
Horned Lark: a few widely scattered reports in CORT, BROO, & TIOG; max 60 MacFairlane Rd Cincinnatus CORT 28 Feb; missed on 2 of 5 area CBC's.
Tufted Titmouse: max 190 BCBC 20 Dec; tied high count of 37 set for higher elevation SHCBC 20 Dec; continues to increase along many river valleys and villages of Region <1500' and starting to increase even during winter up to 1800'.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 41 CCBC 19 Dec, some likely from CAYU; numbers were down in all state forests.
Brown Creeper: max 16 BCBC 20 Dec, high count; average numbers reported otherwise.
Carolina Wren: max 20 BCBC 20 Dec; reported from all CBC's; continues to increase areawide.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 46 CCBC 14 Dec, some likely from CAYU, high count; missed on OnCBC & OwCBC.
E. Bluebird: max 96 OwCBC 27 Dec; many reported thru period, but generally more common along "southern tier" counties.
Am. Robin: max 40 Springfield 9 Feb; low numbers, no large concentrations compared with recent years.
N. Mockingbird: max 6 BCBC 20 Dec; also reported on OwCBC.
Cedar Waxwing: max 59 OwCBC 27 Dec; seen on all CBC's, but numbers appeared to be below average for winter.

WARBLERS

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: Conklin 13 Dec Feb (JW), rare.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 444 CCBC 14 Dec; unevenly distributed with several areas reporting very low numbers.
FOX SPARROW: 1 BCBC 20 Dec.
SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 CCBC 14 Dec, good details.
CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 CCBC 14 Dec, good details.
Song Sparrow: max 13 BCBC 20 Dec; reported from all area CBCs, but in lower numbers than last year
Swamp Sparrow: max 2 BCBC 20 Dec; at least a few overwinter in various marshes somewhere in Reg every year.
White-throated Sparrow: max 21 BCBC 20 Dec; reported from all CBC's.
Lapland Longspur: 1 Preble Cort Feb.
Snow Bunting: max 222 OnCBC 19 Dec; missed on OwCBC.
Red-winged Blackbird: 1 each CCBC, SHCBC, & OnCBC; first returning migrants seemed late this year, first noticeable pulse not until early Mar.
Com. Grackle: 2 BCBC 20 Dec, only CBC report; first returning migrants late.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 21 CCBC 14 Dec; reported from most CBC's; most common winter blackbird; first returning migrants Mar.
Purple Finch: max 11 OnCBC 19 Dec; largely scarce but becoming slightly more common at

feeders mid-late Jan thru.
House Finch: small number in towns, hamlets, and farms; numbers haven't rebounded to early 90s highs.
Red Crossbill: just a few Type 1 Pharsalia CHEN Feb in larch or pine habitat; very scarce, typical for poor overall cone crop year.
COMMON REDPOLL: 2 BCBC 20 Dec; only report, non-flight year after back to back flights the past two years.
Pine Siskin: 1-2 each CCBC, BCBC & SHCBC; 4 other reports; non-flight year after last year's massive flight.
EVENING GROSBEAK: max 6 BCBC 20 Dec; a few along Reg 4/5 boundary; non-flight year.
Am. Goldfinch: max 319 BCBC 20 Dec; about average numbers thru.

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REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Marsh, ponds, and Adirondack lakes froze between 7 and 13 December, Oneida Lake was frozen by 23 December, and Onondaga Lake froze on 6 January. Twelve of the first fourteen days of January had below normal temperatures freezing most remaining open water, and pack ice clogged the shore of Lake Ontario in Cayuga and Oswego counties.

The December temperature averaged 28.1° F, 0.5° below normal, and there was 2.20" of precipitation, 0.92" below normal. In January the temperature averaged 23.2° F, 0.5° above normal with 1.27" of precipitation, 1.33" below normal. The average temperature for February was 25.9° F, 1.40° F. above normal, and there were 2.02" of precipitation, 0.10" below normal. Fourteen inches of snow on 4 January brought snow depths to at least two feet in most areas forcing out birds sensitive to snow depths. There was a total of 105.8" of snow for the season.

With the passage of a strong cold front on 10 December, there was a large flight of waterfowl over the next two days as geese and ducks were forced out of wetlands that had remained open. Rafts of scaup and Common Goldeneye remained on Oneida Lake while it remained open. King Eider, Black Scoter, and Surf Scoter could all be found on Lake Ontario into January until the shoreline pack ice consolidated. The ice also limited numbers of other diving ducks for most of the season. There was a good winter count of Ruddy Duck on Skaneateles Lake. Unusual waterfowl for the season included a Greater White-fronted Goose in January, Trumpeter Swans without wing-tags at two locations, and Tundra Swans on Oneida Lake into early January. Tundra Swans in Baldwinsville in February were a surprise. Single Brant, Blue-winged Teal, and Northern Shoveler lingered into early December.

After early December loons and grebes were scarce, but a Red-throated Loon landed in a parking lot in February and was released on open water. Very few Double-crested Cormorants wintered along the Oswego River. Turkey

Vultures wintered in their usual stronghold in eastern Onondaga County, although there seems to be little increase in their numbers. Northern Harriers were pushed out by December's snow, and the few Rough-legged Hawk concentrations were generally short-lived. Bald Eagles were widespread along open water and feeding on deer carcasses, many of which were put out expressly for that purpose. There was a single Golden Eagle this season.

Three shorebird species made a fine winter count, with a Killdeer on Oneida Lake, a Purple Sandpiper improbably feeding along the Lake Ontario pack ice, and a Wilson's Snipe in a seep in Herkimer County. Bonaparte's Gulls stayed on Oneida Lake into December and moved on as the shoreline began to freeze. For much of the season there was a lack of Herring Gulls on the Oswego River. It wasn't until the middle of February that gulls were present in large numbers. Iceland, Lesser Black-backed and Glaucous Gulls were seen sporadically through the winter, with peak numbers, albeit low, occurring in late February. Great Black-backed Gull numbers were also low.

Reports of Great Horned, Barred, and Eastern Screech-Owls were average for winter, and there were single reports of Short-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owls, but no Long-eared Owls. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was more common than in the recent past, and a flock of 12 Northern Flickers was unprecedented in winter. Northern Shrike was scarce until the December cold front, but afterwards several were faithful to small areas. Common Raven now occurs over most of the Region, but a count of six at the city limits of Syracuse was notable.

Carolina Wren is mostly limited to our lower elevations, so birds at Pompey and Cazenovia were unusual. Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, and Rusty Blackbird are typical half-hardy species reported into the middle of January, and two of the wrens were still being seen towards the end of February. There were a fair number of Cedar Waxwings seen, while the only Bohemian Waxwing report came from the southern edge of the Adirondacks.

Yellow-rumped Warblers were found at Howland Island, where they now appear to winter most years, and a Common Yellowthroat remained in Oneida County for several days in December. The star of the season was a **Yellow-throated Warbler** which was very reliable at a Syracuse feeder for three weeks in January. Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burdick for sharing their backyard with the birding community. Several Fox Sparrows stayed into December, and another one wintered successfully in southern Herkimer County. American Tree Sparrow was uncommon well into December, and many people thought that Dark-eyed Junco numbers were low

It was not a good year for finches, not surprising after several consecutive good winters. There were no reports of Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill, or Common Redpoll, few Pine Siskins or Red Crossbills, and only a single Evening Grosbeak.

For the season 125 species were reported, one below the recent ten-year average. Highlights included Greater White-fronted Goose, Northern Shoveler, Blue-winged Teal, King Eider, Golden Eagle, Purple Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Black-backed Woodpecker, Bohemian Waxwing, **Yellow-throated Warbler,** Common Yellowthroat, Fox Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Bvlle – Baldwinsville; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay and vicinity; HI – Howland Island WMA; LOL – Lake Ontario Littoral; OneiL – Oneida Lake; OnonL – Onondaga Lake; RS – Rainbow Shores, Lake Ontario; SFNS – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; Skan – Skaneateles; Syr – Syracuse; WPd – Woodman Pond, Hamilton.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Skan L 2 Jan (TR, KB).
Snow Goose: max 4000 Otisco L 12 Dec; last Oswego 17 Jan.
Brant: last 4 Otisco L 2 Dec.
Mute Swan: max 7 OnonL after 16 Jan.
Trumpeter Swan: max 8 FH 8 Dec; 4 Mexico Point 17 Jan.
Tundra Swan: max 277 OneiL 5 Dec; 33 Brewerton 3 Jan; 6 Bvlle 15 Feb.
Wood Duck: 2 Fayetteville 7 Jan; last Fulton 17 Jan.
Gadwall: max 10 OnonL 16 Jan.
Am. Wigeon: max 10 WPd 5 Dec; 4 OnonL 16 Jan; last GLSP 17 Jan.
Am. Black Duck: max 118 FH 12 Dec.
Mallard: max 730 SSSP 12 Dec and 900 FH 12 Dec, post cold front.
Blue-winged Teal: Hatch L 10 Dec (BW), late.
N. Shoveler: last 2 FH 11 Dec.
N. Pintail: max 9 WPd 10 Dec; Bvlle 4-6 Jan.
Green-winged Teal: 2 Oswego 17 Jan; 1 Salisbury thru Feb.
Canvasback: max 4 Skan 7 Jan; Little Falls 20 Jan, unusual there; 9 total for season.
Redhead: max 460 Otisco L 30 Dec.
Ring-necked Duck: 174 Hatch L 10 Dec; to 5 per day thru.
Greater Scaup: max 586 LOL 17 Jan.
Lesser Scaup: max 3500 North Bay 3-14 Dec.
King Eider: max 7 RS 7 Dec; last 5 there 17 Jan.
Surf Scoter: max 3 RS 13 Dec; last RS 20 Dec.
White-winged Scoter: max 75 RS 14 Dec.
Black Scoter: max 40 RS 7 Dec.
Long-tailed Duck: max 300 RS 20 Dec.
Bufflehead: max 50 OneiL 3 Dec.
Com. Goldeneye: max 1000 North Bay 14 Dec.
Hooded Merganser: max 465 FH 12 Dec; 82 Otisco L 11 Dec; 74 SSSP 12 Dec; 28 Young L 8 Dec to freeze-up.
Com. Merganser: max 500 Cross L 24 Jan.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 1300 FH 12 Dec.
Ruddy Duck: max 123 Skan L 20 Dec; Bvlle after 30 Jan.
Ruffed Grouse: max 9 Pulaski 8 Feb.
Wild Turkey: max 481 Sangerfield 30 Dec.
Red-throated Loon: LOL 1 Dec; Old Forge 17 Dec; Clinton 4 Feb, grounded and released.
Com. Loon: max 6 OnonL 6 Dec; last 2 Skan L 17 Jan.
Pied-billed Grebe: 2 OnonL 19 Dec; Oswego 12 Jan.
Horned Grebe: max 50 Mexico Bay 5 Dec; last Oswego 27 Jan.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 21 Oswego 4 Dec; to 4 per day Jan-Feb.
Great Blue Heron: max 2 per day Dec; last Bvlle 7 Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Turkey Vulture: max 4 Fayetteville 1 Feb, some thru season.
Bald Eagle: max 12 LOL 17 Jan; 11 Remsen 21 Jan; to 7 per day Big Moose in Dec.
N. Harrier: 4 Dec reports, none after.
N. Goshawk: 3 reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: Memphis 31 Jan (KB).

Rough-legged Hawk: max 8 Richland 21 Feb; 5 Verona 1 Jan & 4 Fairfield 31 Dec, other concentration sites.
Golden Eagle: Elbridge 13 Feb (JHa).
Merlin: 7-8 individuals for season.
Peregrine Falcon: Utica and Syr pairs only.
Am. Coot: max 9 OnonL 19 Dec.
Killdeer: last Brewerton 11 Dec.
Purple Sandpiper: RS 5 Jan (BP).
Wilson's Snipe: Salisbury 19 Jan (LHa).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 152 OneiL 11 Dec; last Bvlle 27 Dec.
Ring-billed Gull: max 2700 Oswego 21 Feb.
Herring Gull: max 6000 Oswego 20 Feb.
Iceland Gull: 2 per day but scarce thru Jan; max 4 Oswego 21 Feb.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Phoenix 20 Dec; MADI 23, 26 Jan; 2 Oswego 21 Feb; Bvlle after 26 Feb.
Glaucous Gull: one per day but scarce thru Jan; max 3 Bvlle after 22 Feb.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 82 Fulton 30 Jan, low numbers.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Great Horned Owl: max 8 Volney 20 Dec; 6 Verona 1 Jan; 2009 juv begging Erieville 20 Jan.
Short-eared Owl: Frankfort 20 Dec.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Sauquoit 19 Dec (JHi).
Belted Kingfisher: Old Forge 14 Jan, rare winter Adks.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 3 New Hartford 19 Dec; 5 other reports to Syr 22 Feb.
Black-backed Woodpecker: Third L Creek 19 Dec; Big Moose 9 Feb.
N. Flicker: max 12 FH 7 Feb.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: 20+ individuals, some very persistent.
Am. Crow: max 16,000 Syr 19 Dec.
Fish Crow: max 7 OnonL 5 Dec.
Com. Raven: max 36 Big Moose 24 Feb; 22 Boylston 5 Jan.
Horned Lark: max 217 Elbridge 28 Feb.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 Boylston 4 Feb.
Brown Creeper: max 5 HI 19 Dec.
Carolina Wren: 2 Pompey 3 Jan and Cazenovia thru Jan, above usual Erie Canal elevation.
Winter Wren: at least 6 reports, 2 thru.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 11 Camden 26 Dec.
E. Bluebird: max 20 Tully 8 Jan.
Hermit Thrush: Utica 19 Dec; Carpenter's Brook 21 Dec; Clinton 19-30 Jan.
Am. Robin: max 289 HI 19 Dec; some after 15 Feb may have been migrants.
Gray Catbird: Pompey 3 Jan (JRy).
N. Mockingbird: max 6 Dewitt Feeder Canal 27 Jan.
Bohemian Waxwing: 6 Salisbury 30 Dec (LHa), only report.
Cedar Waxwing: max 134 HI 19 Dec; 80 Mallory 4 Feb.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 4 HI 23 Jan (JB, BP), Memphis 31 Jan (KB).
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: Syr 11-31 Jan (Robert Burdick, mob).
Com. Yellowthroat: SFNS 7-12 Dec (MP).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 75 Oneida 1 Jan.
Fox Sparrow: max 3 Oriskany 19 Dec; W Winfield after 25 Dec (BA); 3 other Dec reports.
Song Sparrow: max 7 Verona 1 Jan.
Swamp Sparrow: last Van Buren 6 Dec.
White-throated Sparrow: max 16 Dewitt 19 Dec.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 28 T Onondaga 5 Feb.
Lapland Longspur: max 3 DeRuyter 3 Jan; 3 other reports.
Snow Bunting: max 200 Stockbridge 5 Jan; Big Moose 2 Jan.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 40 SFNS 4 Dec; 17 Fvlle 22 Feb, possible early migrants.
Rusty Blackbird: Marcellus 26 Dec, only report.
Com. Grackle: max 11 Syr 19 Dec; last Fayetteville 18 Jan.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 78 Clay 19 Dec; to 7 per day Fayetteville in Feb.
Purple Finch: max 41 Salisbury 23 Feb; small numbers mostly along northern tier of Region.
Red Crossbill: Richland 12 Dec; 2 Georgetown 3 Jan.
Pine Siskin: max 36 Thendara 10 Dec; Erieville 19 Jan and Syr 26 Jan, only reports away from Adks.
Am. Goldfinch: to 30 per day occasionally, generally low numbers.
Evening Grosbeak: DeRuyter 3 Jan, only report.

REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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The winter was generally mild with relatively little snow. December was about as close to typical as possible, as Watertown's temperature of 25.0° F was 0.3° above normal, and the 3.99" of precipitation that fell was 0.2" below normal. January's weather was less typical, with a mean temperature of 20.5° or 1.9° above normal, and the 1.8" of precipitation was almost exactly half of normal. Temperatures remained relatively mild through February, as that month's mean temperature of 21.2° was 0.8° above average, and the 2.1" of precipitation was 0.4 inches below average.

Some of the heaviest snow of the season fell during the second week of December, which was unfortunate for the large number of Canada and Snow Geese that passed through the Region during the heavy snow squalls. The pattern in recent years for the bulk of the Snow Goose migration to occur in December continued this year, and I received many reports of goose flocks fighting gale force winds and heavy snow as they flew south. A number of these observers noted that geese were flying very low, no doubt because of poor visibility, and it seems likely that mortality was greater than usual given the weather conditions. On 11 December Eugene Nichols saw four Sandhill Cranes migrating over Hounsfield during the awful weather.

As is often the case, waterfowl numbers were highest in December and declined as the St. Lawrence River and near shore Lake Ontario iced over. Among the more unusual ducks reported were at least two King Eiders continuing through mid-December at Montario Point, Barrow's Goldeneye at Fisher's Landing in December and Hawkins Point in January, and a Ruddy Duck in Black River Bay in December. Notable high counts included 78 Tundra Swans at Pt. Peninsula 25 January, a good count for mid-winter, 5000 Redhead at Millen's Bay, and 1900 Long-tailed Ducks at Montario Point.

Raptors were generally present in low numbers, and I received no reports of any large concentrations of Rough-legged or Red-tailed Hawks. Accipiters were scarcely reported, and Merlin numbers dipped after several consecutive years of increases. Bald Eagle was the one exception to the poor raptor season. I received many reports of this once-scarce species from all areas of the Region, including many places far from open water, but the most eye-popping reports were of a record **110** eagles counted by NYSDEC on their annual mid-winter count of the St. Lawrence River, and a gathering of **37** eagles on the ice at Wellesley Island State Park.

White-winged gulls were reported in modestly higher numbers than during the previous few winters, with high counts for both Iceland and Glaucous Gulls coming from the Massena-Cornwall Christmas Bird Count. This area traditionally hosts more white-winged gulls than elsewhere in the Region. Also from the Massena area was a Lesser Black-backed Gull on 20 December. Lesser

Black-backed Gulls are extremely rarely reported in Region 6 but almost certainly occur with greater frequency than local birders realize, given how often they are documented just across the St. Lawrence River in Ontario.

The season's Snowy Owl tally was just four, and as far as I can tell none stayed around for any length of time. Short-eared Owls were at Cape Vincent in about average numbers early in the season, but I received few reports after December and numbers apparently declined as the season progressed. In fact, I heard of no Short-eared Owls after mid-January.

Half-hardies were generally scarce with a few exceptions. The most notable half-hardy was an injured Brown Thrasher at a feeder in Clayton for six days in early December. Song and White-throated Sparrows, while scarce, were somewhat more common than during most winters, and Northern Flickers were present in modest numbers along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Other half-hardies, such as American Robin and Eastern Bluebird, were reported in lower than average numbers.

Aside from American Goldfinch, finches were basically absent, and I heard of no crossbills, redpolls, or Pine Grosbeaks. Bohemian Waxwing, another winter irruptive, was present, but flocks were so scarce that this species was barely noted, and Cedar Waxwings were not much more common. North Country birders had been treated to an abundance and nice diversity of winter irruptives during the previous several winters, so the almost total lack of these species this winter was a real letdown.

Overall, birding was remarkably slow, and I was therefore not surprised that the season's species tally was just 90, about a dozen shy of the average from recent winters. Throughout the winter I heard various versions of the same question: "Why aren't any birds coming to my feeders?" The overall lack of birds is certainly the main disappointment of the season. The main highlight of the season was the abundance of Bald Eagles, and the early season waterfowl diversity was nice as well.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BI – Barnhart Island, Massena STLA; BRB – Black River Bay; CCSP – Coles Creek SP STLA; CV – Cape Vincent JEFF; ED – El Dorado Shores Preserve; FL – Fisher's Landing JEFF; FD – Fort Drum Military Reservation JEFF & LEWI; HP – Hawkin's Pt. Massena STLA; KC – Kelsey Creek Watertown JEFF; MB – Millen's Bay, Cape Vincent JEFF; MCCBC – Massena-Cornwall Christmas Bird Count; MP – Montario Pt. Ellisburg JEFF; SLR; PRWMA – Perch River WMA JEFF; PtPen – Pt Peninsula Lyme JEFF; SLR – St. Lawrence River; SnPt – Snowshoe Pt. Henderson JEFF; TP – Tibbet's Pt. Cape Vincent JEFF; WHWMA – Wilson Hill WMA.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: many reports 100-2000 migrating against strong south wind and snow 8-12 Dec; last Ellisburg 31Dec.
Mute Swan: last SLR Massena 1 Jan.
Tundra Swan: 48 CV 17 Jan; max 78+ PtPen 25 Jan.
Gadwall: max 16 CV 19 Jan.
Am. Wigeon: 5 WHWMA 6 Dec, only report.
Am. Black Duck: max 100 CV 19 Dec.
N. Pintail: TP 30 Dec.
Redhead: max 5000 MB 27 Dec.
Ring-necked Duck: max 260 PRWMA 4 Dec; last MP 18 Dec.
Greater Scaup: max 1000 MB 27 Dec.
Lesser Scaup: max 40 PRWMA 4 Dec; 11 MB 27 Dec.
King Eider: 2 MP continuing thru 18 Dec.
White-winged Scoter: max 30 MP 18 Dec; 8 PtPen 15 Jan.
Black Scoter: CCSP 6 Dec; 4 MP 18 Dec.
Long-tailed Duck: max 1900 MP 18 Dec.
Bufflehead: max 11 HP 2 Feb.
Com. Goldeneye: 800 FL 24 Dec.
Barrow's Goldeneye: f FL 24 Dec (NL); ad m HP 16 Jan - 14 Feb (JB).
Hooded Merganser: max 80 CCSP 11 Dec; mid-winter max 19 SLR Massena 16 Jan.
Com. Merganser: max 2716 between TP and Thousand Is. Bridge SLR 16 Jan.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 69 between TP and Thousand Is. Bridge SLR 16 Jan.
Ruddy Duck: BRB 14 Dec, rare in winter.
Com. Loon: last 3 SLR Massena 13 Dec.
Double-crested Cormorant: last 2 SLR Massena 27 Dec.
Great Blue Heron: 4 MP 18 Dec; last PRWMA 31 Dec.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 110 mid-winter waterfowl count 14 Jan, record high; 37 Wellesley Is SP 15 Feb; many reports throughout.
N. Harrier: max 5 CV 6 Dec; scarce after mid-Dec.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: scarce.
Cooper's Hawk: few reports.
N. Goshawk: FD 2 Dec.
Red-tailed Hawk: wintered in modest numbers.
Rough-legged Hawk: generally 1-5 per day, numbers lower than most winters.
Am. Kestrel: scarce.
Merlin: several reports CV may be an over wintering individual; virtually unreported elsewhere.
Am. Coot: Sackett's Harbor 20 Dec, rare in winter.
Sandhill Crane: 4 Hounsfield 11 Dec (EN), flying south against 50 mph winds.
Killdeer: last ED 21 Dec, late.
Ring-billed Gull: scarce after mid-Dec.
Iceland Gull: max 11 MCCBC; TP 2-3 Jan; WI 14 Feb; 3 SLR Ogdensburg 5 Feb.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: HP 20 Dec (JB).
Glaucous Gull: max 9 MCCBC.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

E. Screech-Owl: Ellisburg 7 Dec.
Snowy Owl: Harrisburg 16 Jan; Chaumont 17-18 Jan; Ogdensburg airport 10-23 Jan; Adams 14 Feb; scarce.
Short-eared Owl: max 14 CV 22 Dec (GS), where declined through winter; 2 Hammond late Dec.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Canton 31 Dec; hit by car and taken to rehab Potsdam 14 Feb.
Belted Kingfisher: Rutland 2 Jan, only report.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: BI Massena 20 Dec.
N. Flicker: about 15 reports along near L Ontario shoreline; scarce elsewhere.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: max 4 PtPen & CV 10 Jan (GS); generally 0-2 per day, low.
Gray Jay: max 3 Massawepie Lake 8 Dec.
Com. Raven: flock 10 flew past MP 9 Feb heading north.
Carolina Wren: 9 Dec CV thru.
E. Bluebird: 4 SnPt 14 Dec; 4 Ellisburg 21 Jan.
Am. Robin: wintered in very low numbers.
Brown Thrasher: injured bird at Clayton feeder 5-10 Dec (ND).
Bohemian Waxwing: 22 MCCBC; at least 3 in mixed flock 90 waxwings Potsdam 1 Jan; mixed flock 70 including Cedar Waxwing Philadelphia 11 Feb; scarce.
Cedar Waxwing: scarce.

WARBLERS

No reports.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: much more common than previous winter.
Song Sparrow: max 8 KC 15 Feb.
White-throated Sparrow: max 4 KC 15 Feb.
Lapland Longspur: 2-5 per day CV thru; a few scattered reports 1-4 elsewhere.
Snow Bunting: max 500-700 CV 22 Dec.
E. Meadowlark: last Madrid 8 Dec, late.
Com. Grackle: at feeder 18 Jan, only report.
Purple Finch: scarce thru.
Pine Siskin: KC 8 Dec; scarce.

REGION 7 - ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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December started off with snow all day on the 1st. Eight inches fell in Inlet, but this quickly changed after a beautiful full moon in the west on the morning of the 2nd. Heavy rains followed that day and into the 3rd, with a high temperature for the month of 51° F in Saranac Lake and 59° in Plattsburgh occurring on that date. It snowed each day for the next week and a half, with 6" and 12" in Inlet on the 9th and 11th. A narrow band of lake-effect dumped over two feet on the west side of the High Peaks on the 11th, but only 8" in Saranac Lake, the most for them at one time the whole winter. Heavy rains fell over the Region on the 26th and 27th, with thunderstorms in Plattsburgh. A low temperature of -24° F was recorded in Saranac Lake on the 18th. Inlet had twelve days with 0° and lower. The bigger lakes were ice-covered by 20 December. January started with snowfall of less than 2" a day for fourteen of the first fifteen days of the month. A temperature of -18° was recorded on the 10th in Saranac Lake. Heavy rains again came across the Region on the 25th, with a high temperature of 53° in Plattsburgh and 51° in Saranac Lake. This quickly retreated to -25° on the 30th in Inlet, the low for the winter. Waterfowl Count Day for me on 16 January on Lake Champlain was the nicest day I ever recall for the Count. The temperature was up near 40° and there was very little wind. February was much the same, with 17 days with some snow in Inlet and Saranac Lake but less than 4" most of these days. Heavy rain and a high temperature of 42° occurred in Plattsburg on 25 February, but this was followed by heavy wet snow over the Region the next day that amounted to 17" on Willsboro Point. This quickly melted, and there was very little snow there at the end of the month. Many of these storms were Nor'easters which barely touched the Region. Total snowfall for Inlet was 48.5". There were not many sunny days, 46 days with some snow, three rain events, three days with freezing rain, and 33 mornings at or below zero.

Lake Champlain water levels were the highest at 97.0' on 1 December, down to 95.7' on 25 January, up to 96.8' on 28 January, down to 95.8' on 2 February, then climbed to 96.2' at the end of the season.

With all these passing fronts came peak wind gusts of 82 mph on 3 January, 77 on the 5th, and 46 on the 25th, all in Saranac Lake. It was a very cloudy, windy winter with very little snow accumulation. The front of 10-11 December brought snow from the west followed by cold from the north and pushed thousands of Canada and Snow Geese over the Region all day and night into the 12th; call it the "Grand Passage." This also brought a split from half-hardies to winter birds at most feeders. After this many people asked me: "Where are all the birds?" Without a cone, nut, or berry crop, most birds either never moved into the Region, or if they did, they didn't stick around.

The exception to this was the abundance of ducks on the open waters of Lake Champlain, as only a few bays froze and then not for very long. A Red-throated Loon was found on the Plattsburgh CBC and on the Waterfowl Count. Five Barrow's Goldeneye, two Pied-billed Grebes, and 14 Double-crested Cormorant were seen on the Waterfowl Count.

A decent assortment of half hardies was found this season, including: a Great Blue Heron all winter at the Inlet golf course, Belted Kingfisher at Inlet on 11 January and Ausable Pt. on 14 January, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at Cumberland Head on 20 December and on the Elizabethtown CBC, Carolina Wrens spending part of the season at a Willsboro feeder, two Ruby-crowned Kinglets on the Saranac Lake CBC, a Northern Mockington in Plattsburgh on 19 December, two Field Sparrows on the Elizabethtown CBC, and a Fox Sparrow at Pt. Au Roche on 12 December.

Less surprising, but still interesting for the season were: 30 Bald Eagles counted during the aerial Eagle Survey of Lake Champlain, the lone Red-bellied Woodpecker all season at a Plattsburgh feeder, several reports for Northern Shrike, Tufted Titmouse and American Robin present all season, few Bohemian Waxwings, Cedar Waxwing all season with a high of 300 in Keesville on 7 February, and just three reports for White-throated Sparrow.

This was not a winter finch year. No Pine Grosbeaks, crossbills, or redpolls were reported thru the season. The only Pine Siskins were some seen during count week on the Saranac Lake CBC and the 40-50 that spent the winter at a feeder in Keene. Some Evening Grosbeaks were around, with 72 recorded on the Saranac Lake CBC and 40-50 at feeders in Long Lake all winter. American Goldfinch were at most feeders, with a high of 932 on the Saranac Lake CBC and 450 banded at Inlet.

A number of rarities were found. A **Northern Hawk Owl** spent the winter just outside Champlain, a 4th Clinton County record. Many birders came to see this and wandered on to the shores of Lake Champlain, where they found the best bird of the season, an **Ivory Gull** at Rouses Point from 21 February to 2 March, a first Clinton County record. This bird, first seen on the Vermont side of the lake on 19 February, moved to the New York side on the 21st where it was seen from the end of Stoney Point Road on Rouses Point. It fed on perch that the fishermen were leaving on the ice. At the Plattsburgh Marina there was a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** on 9 January, a fourth Clinton County record. Finally, a **Tufted Duck** was found among about 3000 Greater Scaup on 19 February at Ausable Point, a second Clinton County record. It stayed through the end of the period. Not to be outdone by all these larger rarities, the passerine find of the season was a **Lark Sparrow** at a feeder in Peru from 30 December to 2 January, another first record for Clinton County and second for Region 7.

The season's total of 104 species is not a record, which is still the 109 species of '01-02, '05-06 and '06-07 winters, but shows that when birders get out there are birds to see. Many birders got out for the CBC's, the Waterfowl Count, Eagle Counts, and the Backyard Bird Count, which shows in this report in what was found. I would like to thank all who listed their finds on eBird, as many of these were used to assemble this report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Ausable Point; BB – Bloomingdale Bog; BR – Bigelow Road; CP – Crown Point; CH – Clumberland Head; CRL – Chazy Riverlands; ECBC – Elizabethtown CBC 20 Dec; FB – Ferd's Bog; LP – Lake Placid; NP – Noblewood Park; OP – Oregon Plains; PCBC – Plattsburgh CBC 20 Dec; Pl – Plattsburgh; PtR – Point au Roche; PK – Port Kent; RP – Rouses Point; SL – Saranac Lake; SLCBC – Saranac Lake CBC 2 Jan; SP – Stoney Point; WB – Whallon's Bay; WC – NYS Waterfowl Count 16-17 Jan; WR – Webb Royce; WBL – Westport Boat Launch; WP Willsboro Point; Wi – Witherbee.

WHISTLING -DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: 1 PCBC; 3 CH 15 Jan(BK); 1 CRL 2 Feb (BK), unusual date; max 100's Inlet 11-12 Dec (GL).

Canada Goose: max 600 Sixth Lake 11 Dec (GL);185 PCBC; 188 WC; 150+ CH 23 Jan (BK, SJ); many wintering birds headed north 25 Jan (RL).

Am. Black Duck: 26 AP 17 Jan (DR); 31 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 18 WBL 26 Feb (DN); 92 WC; many other reports.

Mallard: 646 PCBC; 72 ECBC, 259 SLCBC; 273 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 40 RP 27 Feb (TJ); 180 WBL 26 Feb (DN); max 873 WC.

Canvasback: AP 7 Feb (JO); AP 27 Feb (SB,MM,BP,BW); nice finds.

Redhead: 16 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 2 AP 23 Jan (JO); 2 AP 7 Feb (JO); nice finds.

Ring-necked Duck: 23 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 25 AP 28FEb (SA); max 40 Valcour 27 Feb (AB), late.

TUFTED DUCK: AP 19 Feb (PJ, B&JG), 2nd CLIN record; AP 25 Feb (BK); AP 27 Feb (SB,BC,BP,JP,CW,TJ); same bird all reports.

Greater Scaup: 1500 AP 27 Feb (M); 300 Valcour 27 Feb (AB); max 3000 AP 27 Feb (TJ).

Lesser Scaup: 840 Pl 17 Jan (TJ); 45 Camp Dudley 25 Feb (DN); Valcour 27 Feb (AB); max 1000 AP 27 Feb (MM).

Bufflehead: 45 Wickham Marsh 17 Jan (DR); 100 AP 27 Feb (TJ, SB, BW); max 169 WC.

Com. Goldeneye: 554 AP 17 Jan (DR); 894 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 325 PK 15 Feb (DR); max 6095 WC.
Barrow's Goldeneye: 5 Wickham Marsh 16 Jan (CB), great find.
Hooded Merganser: 16 WBL 19 Dec (P&JT); 5 AP 25 Dec (DR); 6 Pl 17 Jan (TA); max 20 WC.
Com. Merganser: 86 AP 17 Jan (DR); 151 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 105 WBL 25 Feb (DN); 90 SP 27 Feb (WH); 384 PCBC; max 1234 WC.
Red-breasted Merganser: 3 PK 16 Jan (GL); 10 AP 27 Feb (SB,BW); good birds.
Ring-necked Pheasant: 2 Westport 19 Dec (P&JT); Essex Triangle 15 Jan (RL); only reports.
Ruffed Grouse: 5 BB 30 Dec (TF); 3 LL 18 Jan (BV); 3 Piseco Airport 17 Feb (LH, JF); max 10 ECBC.
Wild Turkey: 20 Schuyler Falls 21 Dec (E&HF); 13 Rt 10 6 Jan (LH,JF); 16 Inlet all season(GL); 61 ECBC; max 90 Whallonsburg 26 Feb (DN), established.
Red-throated Loon: CH Ferry 20 Dec (LL, BM, CP, JS); WC, only reports.
Com. Loon: 2 PK 25 Dec (DR); 2 Pl 17 Jan (TA); 2 AP 27 Feb 9 SB, TJ, BK); max 6 WC.
Pied-billed Grebe: 2 WBL-WC, late Essex.
Horned Grebe: 8 AP 17 Jan (DR); 11 Lake Shore Drive, PtR 25 Feb (DN); max 30 WC.
Double-crested Cormorant: Raquette Lake 8 Dec (GL), late HAMI; max 14 WC also late.
Great Blue Heron: 2 PCBC; AP 13 Jan(GR); AP 16 Jan (BL); 1 wintered at Inlet Golf Course(GL).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 7 WP 25 Feb (DN); 3 AP 28 Feb (JP); 1 SLCBC; ECBC; 30 during DEC aerial counts, not all in Region 7.
N. Harrier: CRL 14 Dec (BK); PCBC; only reports.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 PCBC; CH 31 Jan (BK); Peru 22 Jan thru (E&HF); Inlet all Feb (GL).
Cooper's Hawk: Peru 1 Dec-23 Dec (E&HF); Champlain 2 Feb (BK); 2 BR 28 Feb(AB); 2 Essex 15 Feb (NO); Keene 17 Feb (P&JT); all nice finds.
N. Goshawk: Peasleville 12 Dec (WS); PCBC; ECBC; good finds.
Red-tailed Hawk: 2 Pl 20 Dec (MM); 2 CP 23 Feb (DN); 2 Chazy 26 Feb (BP); max 18 PCBC.
Rough-legged Hawk: lt morph Essex 19 Dec, 30 Jan, 1 Feb (P&JT); CH 19 Dec, 2 Jan (SJ,BK).
Am. Kestrel: Champlain 13 Feb (TJ), only report.
Peregrine Falcon: Pl 19 Feb (DR), rare in winter.
IVORY GULL: 22 rep RP 21 Feb-2 Mar, 1st CLIN record, ph & brief video were posted, *intro*.
Ring-billed Gull: 200-500 WBL 19 Dec, 17 Jan, 23-27 Feb (P&JT); 145 PCBC.
Herring Gull: 82 PCBC; 70 CP 23 Feb (DN); 50 WBL 23 Feb (DN); many other rep.
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: Plattsburg Marina 9 Jan (BK), 4th CLIN record; WBL 25 Feb (DN), nice finds.
Great Black-backed Gull: 6 AP 17 Jan (DR); 12 CP 23 Feb (DN); 8 SP 26 Feb (DN); 27 WBL 25 Feb (DN); max 31 PCBC.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: 20 Wi thru (CW); 25 WR 20 Feb (SA); max 263 PCBC.
E. Screech Owl: CH Lake View Drive 20 Dec (MD); Elizabethtown 19 Dec (P&JT), scarce.
Great Horned Owl: CH Colligon Point 1 Jan (SJ,BK), only report.
NORTHERN HAWK OWL: 30 Nov-27 Feb (T&DG,BK,LM, mob), early, 4th CLIN record.
Barred Owl: Keene 20 Dec (P&JT); 2 SL 20 Feb (T&GD); 2 SLCBC; Inlet thru (GL).
N. Saw-whet Owl: Akey Road, Dannemora 22 Feb (CMJr), only report.
Belted Kingfisher: 1 ECBC; Inlet 11 Jan (GL), late HAMI; AP 14 Jan (DR); WP 15 Feb (NO).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: Beekmantown 1 Dec- 2 Jan (MM), only report.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: CH 20 Dec (MD), 2nd winter and 1st Dec record CLIN; 1 ECBC, unusual.
Downy Woodpecker: 23 SLCBC; 35 ECBC; max 73 PCBC; 8 banded Inlet (GL).
Hairy Woodpecker: 27 SLCBC; 35 ECBC; max 38 PCBC; 3 Paul Smiths 16 Feb (AB); 7 banded Inlet (GL).
Black-backed Woodpecker: FB 2 Dec (GL); OP 2 Jan (AB, MM); BR 16 Feb (AB), normal places.
N. Flicker: Westport 2 Dec (P&JT), only report, late.
Pileated Woodpecker: CH 17 Jan (BK); Pair Inlet thru (GL); 5 SLCBC; max 8PCBC; many reports.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: LL 16 Dec (BL); Essex 19 Dec (P&JT); 2 Champlain 27 Feb (AB); 2 ECBC; 3 banded Inlet (GL).
Gray Jay: max 6 BB 16 Jan (BV); OP 17 Jan (BV); 5 SLCBC.
Blue Jay: 32 Pl 20 Dec (MM); 30 Inlet (GL); 221 PCBC; max 312 ECBC.

Am. Crow: 475 Champlain 27 Feb (AB); 254 ECBC; max 3753 PCBC.
FISH CROW: AP 25 Dec (DR0), rare find, no details.
Com. Raven: 9 Stevenson Road, Westport 26 Feb (DN); 3 Sherman Road, Wadhams 26 Feb (DN); 33 SLCBC; 67 PCBC, many reports.
Black-capped Chickadee: 30 OP 16 Jan (BV); 120 banded Inlet (GL); 583 PCBC; 429 ECBC; max 592 SLCBC.
Boreal Chickadee: 4 SLCBC; 4 BR 16 Feb (AB); max 5 OP 17 Jan (BV).
Tufted Titmouse: 4 Pl 20 Dec (MM); 6 Elizabethtown 20 Dec (P&JT); 2 WP all season (R&RL); 3 all season Inlet (GL); 19 ECBC; max 23 PCBC; well established.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 15 OP 16 Jan (BV); max 102 ECBC.
White-breasted Nuthatch: 4 Pl 20 Dec (MM); 4 Newcomb 17 Feb (AB); 11 banded Inlet (GL); max 60 PCBC.
Brown Creeper: 2 NP 28 Feb (SA); max 9 ECBC.
Carolina Wren: 2 WP 15 Feb (NO, R&RL); Westport 27 Feb (DN); 2 NP 28 Feb (SA); max 9 ECBC; nice finds.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: OP 12 Dec, 12 Jan (BC, TJ); 4 BB 30 Dec (TF); max 22 SLCBC.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2 SLCBC, first for the count, nice find.
E. Bluebird: 2 Walker Road, Whallonsburg 20 Feb (SA); 3 Whallonsburg 26 Feb (DN); max 7 PCBC.
Am. Robin: 50 Essex 17 Jan, 7 Feb (P&JT); 24 PCBC; 8 thru WP (R&RL); max 200 Lakeshore Road, PtR 25 Feb (DN).
N. Mockingbird: Pl 19 Dec (C&JM); WP 28 Feb (SA); only reports.
Bohemian Waxwing: Peru 8 Jan (BK); 30 Peru 7 Feb (E&HF); only reports
Cedar Waxwing: 20 CH 10 Jan (NO); 35 Lakeshore Road, PtR 25 Feb (DN); 24 PCBC; max 300 Keeseville 9 Feb (JG).

WARBLERS

None

TOWHEES -WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: 6 Lakeshore Road, PtR 25 Feb (DN); 2 Inlet thru (GL); 77 ECBC; max 131 PCBC.
Field Sparrow: 2 ECBC (CD), unusual.
LARK SPARROW: Fitt's feeder 3 Irwin Road, Peru 30 Dec-2 Jan (E&HF, BK, P&JT), 1st CLIN and 2nd Region 7 record, photos and description sent to NYSARC.
Fox Sparrow: Riley Brook, PtR 12 Dec (WS), only report.
White Throated Sparrow: LL 11 Dec (BL); 1 PCBC; Champlain 16 Feb (AB).
Dark-eyed Junco: 132 ECBC; 32 SLCBC; max 291 PCBC.
Lapland Longspur: CRL 14 Dec (BK); CRL 12 Jan (BK); only reports.
Snow Bunting: 75 Stevenson Road, Westport 25 Feb (DN); 66 ECBC; 50 SLCBC; max 307 PCBC.
N. Cardinal: 5 Pl 20 Dec (MM); 16 ECBC; 12 SLCBC; max 108 PCBC.
Red-winged Blackbird: 5 Essex 19 Dec (P&JT); 5 PCBC; 4 Inlet 10 Jan (GL), late; AP 26 Feb (BP).
Brown-headed Cowbird: 4 Essex 19 Dec (P&JT); 18 Campbell Road, Churubusco 28 Feb (AB); max 36 PCBC.
Purple Finch: 2 LL 25 Jan (BL); 20 Gary Daby's, LP 14 Feb (GD); 5 BR 28 Feb (AB); 10 Keene thru (P&JT); max 25 SLCBC.
House Finch: 4 Stevenson Road, Westport 26 Feb (DN); max 46 PCBC.
Pine Siskin: 4 BR 28 Feb (AB); 40-50 Keene thru (P&JT); only reports.
Am. Goldfinch: 120 Keene thru (P&JT); 120 LP 2 Jan (JM); 100 LL 29 Jan (BL); 450 banded Inlet(GL); 566 PCBC; max 932 SLCBC, many more reports.
Evening Grosbeak: 40 Adirondack 18 Jan (BC); 60 LL 27 Jan (JF, LH); 60 LL thru (BL); 18 Wi thru (CM,MA); max 72 SLCBC.

ADDENDUM

Snow Goose: 3 neck- banded (black on yellow) Snow Geese were reported last season found at Point au Roche by Bill Kreuger on 2 Nov. 15AT was banded as an ad fem in May 2008 at Ile-aux-oies, Quebec, Canada; 96CE was banded as an ad fem in May 2009 also at Ile-aux-oies, Quebec, Canada. Ile-aux-oies is an island in the St Lawrence River. RJ82 was banded as an ad fem in August 2009 on Bylot Island, Nunavut, Canada (west of the southern tip of Greenland).

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REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Winter 2010 was mild overall, with snow occurring only at the very beginning and end of the season. The first snow of the season occurred on 5 December. The month ended slightly cooler than average, but with several days with daytime highs above freezing. January ended 2.2° F above average, with a strong prolonged January thaw lasting from the 15th-27th, sufficient to melt almost all snow from the Region, to remove frost from ground with southern exposure, and to free up the margins of large bodies of water. February continued warmer than average and remained largely snowless until 16-23 February, when a series of heavy wet snow storms hit the Region and dumped almost 7 feet of snow in the Catskills.

With mild weather and large storms advancing up the eastern seaboard some late winter migrants arrived earlier than average to the Region. Turkey Vultures often dribble into the southern counties of the Region in late February, but they were common in early February this year. Rich Guthrie and Chad Witko spotted a **Laughing Gull** at the Coxsackie boat launch, which continues to host a small list of interesting white-winged gulls each winter.

The NYSDEC finished its second season of the Wintering Raptor Monitoring Project, funded through the State Wildlife Grants program. As part of the project, volunteers and DEC staff conducted biweekly surveys to count wintering raptors in Montgomery County and at the Coxsackie grasslands in Greene County. Survey periods ran from a half-hour before sunset to half-hour after sunset. This year's highlights include large single location maxima of Northern Harriers and Short-eared Owls in Greene County, data that are all the more remarkable because of sampling efforts designed to safeguard against double counting birds.

Among the news of the weird, a Hairy Woodpecker with a deformed sickle-shaped upper mandible visited the feeder of a resident in Saratoga County for several weeks. It apparently appeared healthy enough to feed on suet until it was captured and eaten by an accipiter. Another unusual bird, perhaps a ***Zonotrochia* sp. x Eastern Towhee hybrid,** was photographed visiting a feeder in Stuyvesant, Columbia County.

Eastern Phoebe were observed in the Region this year in January, the rarest month of the year to find them in our area usually late for half-hardy lingerers and too early for migrants. Despite the mild weather, birders discovered few half hardies this season except for a few Gray Catbirds in December and the CBC bird of the season, a **Veery**, found by Bill Cook, Jeff Novick, and Jon Boulette in Stockport, Columbia County. The bird was photographed and good details exist to separate the bird from Hermit Thrush.

The three species of common *icterids*, Common Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, and Brown-headed Cowbird, all appeared frequently throughout the winter. Migration began in mid-February and continued steadily into spring without large staging events. As these species have built up larger wintering populations in the Region, it's getting harder and harder to parse out the first migrants from those that overwinter.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CBC – Christmas Bird Count; COX – T Coxsackie GREE; FtE – T Fort Edwards WASH; TR – Tomhannock Res RENS; VF – Vischer's Ferry SARA.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 500 Lock 7 SCHE 16 Dec.
Cackling Goose: COX boat launch 4 Feb.
Wood Duck: Lock 7 SCHE 19 Dec; Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec.
Gadwall: 2 VF 2 Dec; 3 ALBA CBC 20 Dec.
Am. Wigeon: 2 VF 1 Dec.
N. Shoveler: VF 1 Dec.
N. Pintail: max 5 Saratoga L SARA 4 Dec.
Canvasback: max 55 Germantown COLU 28 Feb.
Redhead: Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec; 2 Troy CBC 2 Jan; 2 Stillwater SARA 7 Jan.
Ring-necked Duck: max 78 ALBA CBC.
Greater Scaup: COX boat launch 20 Jan-5 Feb.
Lesser Scaup: COX boat launch 9 Jan.
Long-tailed Duck: COX boat launch 12 Dec.
Bufflehead: max 10 Vly Res ALBA 12 Dec.
Com. Goldeneye: max 80 Stillwater SARA 2 Feb.
Hooded Merganser: max 110 TR 2 Dec.
Com. Merganser: max 490 TR 2 Dec.
Red-breasted Merganser: Catskill GREE 31 Jan.
Ruddy Duck: max 14 TR 2 Dec.
Ruffed Grouse: Burnt-Rossman Hills SCHO 13 Dec; Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec; SCHE CBC 19 Dec; 7 ALBA CBC 20 Dec; S RENS CBC 28 Dec; Salem CBC 2 Jan; Ft Plain CBC 32 Jan; Churchtown COLU 30 Jan.
Com. Loon: max 2 L George WARR 24 Dec.
Red-throated Loon: Tomhannock Res RENS 2 Dec.
Pied-billed Grebe: SCHE CBC 19 Dec.
Double-crested Cormorant: Catskill GREE 18 Jan.
Great Cormorant: Germantown COLU 28 Feb.
Black Vulture: 2 Hudson COLU 25 Jan.
Turkey Vulture: Germantown COLU 10 Jan; Slingerlands 7 Feb; Ravena ALBA 17 Feb; Albany 20 Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 16 Troy CBC 2 Jan.
N. Harrier: max **56** COX flats 11 Feb, large single location maximum.
N. Goshawk: SCHE CBC 19 Dec; 2 Burnt-Rossman Hills SCHO 30 Dec; Rensselaerville RENS 7 Feb.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 18 FtE 10 Jan.
Golden Eagle: Philmont COLU 31 Jan; Blenheim SCHO 21 Feb.
Merlin: COX 28 Dec; 2 Troy CBC 2 Jan; Cohoes ALBA 17 Jan; Brunswick RENS 26 Jan.
LAUGHING GULL: COX boat launch 22 Feb.

Iceland Gull: max 4 COX boat launch 27 Jan.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: COX boat launch 8 Dec; 2 Crescent ALBA 28 Dec.
Glaucous Gull: 2 COX boat launch 16 Dec.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: Rotterdam SCHE 4 Dec; Malta SARA 7 Feb.
Short-eared Owl: 2 Minden MONT 24 Dec; Amsterdam MONT 10 Jan; 6 Saratoga Battlefield SARA 20 Jan; max 10 COX flats 27 Jan.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Ft. Plain MONT 2 Jan; max 3 Berne ALBA 15 Feb.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 5 Troy CBC 2 Jan.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

E. Phoebe: New Salem ALBA 24 Jan, rare in Jan.
N. Shrike: Galway SARA 7 Dec; COX 5-15 Jan; FtE 10 Jan; Slingerlands ALBA 17 Jan; Saratoga Battlefield SARA 25 Jan.
Horned Lark: max 500 Poestenkill RENS 28 Dec.
Marsh Wren: VF 4 Dec-8 Jan.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Chatham CBC 19 Dec; Troy CBC 2 Jan.
E. Bluebird: max 133 ALBA CBC 20 Dec.
VEERY: Chatham CBC 19 Dec (BC).
Hermit Thrush: S Glens Falls WARR 27 Dec; COX 6 Jan; Thatcher Park ALBA 4 Feb.
Gray Catbird: ALBA CBC 20 DEC.
Am. Pipit: New Scotland ALBA 10 Dec; Albany 14 Dec; Stillwater SARA 16 Dec.

WARBLERS

COM. YELLOWTHROAT: VF 1 Dec.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: last Albany 12 Dec.
Savannah Sparrow: max 20 COX flats 18 Feb.
Fox Sparrow: VF 4 Dec; 4 ALBA CBC 20 DEC; Ghent COLU 7 Jan; New Voorheesville ALBA 8 Jan.
Swamp Sparrow: SCHE CBC 19 Dec.
White-crowned Sparrow: max 6 New Scotland ALBA 12 Dec.
Lapland Longspur: max 4 Schagticoke RENS 12 Jan.
Snow Bunting: max 2924 Troy CBC 2 Jan; 300 Easton WASH 10 Jan.
Red-winged Blackbird: West Sand Lake 18 Feb; 4-mile Point GREE 20 Feb; 6 Florida MONT 22 Feb; Albany 24 Feb.
Rusty Blackbird: 10 Hillsdale COLU 10 Jan.
Com. Grackle: Taghkanic COLU 2 Jan; Florida MONT 22 Feb; 2 Albany 24 Feb.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 67 ALBA CBC 20 Dec.
Pine Grosbeak: 8 Chatham COLU 5 Dec.
Purple Finch: max 21 ALBA CBC 20 Dec.
Red Crossbill: max 11 Burnt-Rossman Hills SCHO 6 Dec - 21 Feb.
Com. Redpoll: 7 Ft. Plain CBC 2 Jan.
Pine Siskin: 15 ALBA CBC 20 Dec; Taghkanic COLU 10 Jan.

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REGION 9—HUDSON - DELAWARE

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December started with a brief warm spell, with Poughkeepsie reaching 60° F on the 3rd and 4th. There was a brief freeze on the 18th and 19th, with Poughkeepsie dropping to 5° each night. This was followed by the first major snowstorm of the season. The storm hit just south of Region 9 on 19-20 December and hampered some Christmas counts. Yonkers recorded 10" of snow and Poughkeepsie 6 " with most other areas north and west seeing significantly less. The month came in a little wetter than normal, with just over 5" of precipitation and 0.8° cooler. January averaged 2.6° warmer than normal and dry, with only 2.6" of precipitation. Strong winds on 25 January reached 62 mph in White Plains, and Rye Playland recorded a gust of 81 mph. February was 3.4° warmer

than normal, but two major storms erased any memory of the warmer days. A near blizzard on 10 February dumped up to 13" of snow in the southern part of the Region with lighter amounts north and west. Another storm on 25-26 February brought 9-21" of snow, with the higher amounts in southern and eastern Westchester County.

The highlight of the season was an immature male **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD** in Westchester County. The bird was observed and photographed at a feeder at Pruyn Audubon Sanctuary, Chappaqua on 11 January. The bird was with a mixed flock of Brown-headed Cowbirds and Red-winged Blackbirds. This may be the same bird first observed at a private feeder near Kitchawan Preserve on 2 January but not relocated after that date. The bird was seen through most of the week but was not seen on 16 and 17 January. After an appearance on the 18th it didn't return to Pruyn till 24-25 January. The bird had now progressed noticeably toward brighter adult male plumage. The blackbird then made sporadic visits to the Sanctuary, usually just after a snowfall. The last date for the winter season was 25 February.

Christmas counts as usual dominate the season's report. In general, Snow Geese lingered to make a number of counts. Wood Duck was found on most counts. Red-shouldered Hawk fared well after low numbers at the fall hawk watches. Three counts each had over one hundred Red-bellied Woodpeckers. Wintering numbers of American Robins continue their amazing increase. Many counts had record highs. Putnam recorded 1210, the Bronx-Westchester 1729, and Westchester 940. Yellow-rumped Warbler was found on only two counts, and an Orange-crowned Warbler appeared at Croton Point Park in early January and stayed for the season.

The Mohonk Lake/Ashokan Reservoir [NYML] Christmas Bird Count recorded its first Peregrine Falcon on 19 December. Seventy-one species were found including a Red-breasted Merganser on Williams Lake in the Town of Rosendale, four American Wigeon, and two American Pipits. The Dutchess County Count [NYDC] on 19 December recorded 71 species including a Brown Thrasher. It recorded new highs for Hooded Merganser, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, and Common Grackle. Peekskill [NYPE] had 88 species on 19 December, with numerous high counts including Mute Swan, Wood Duck, Bufflehead, Great Cormorant, Peregrine Falcon, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and White-throated Sparrow. Four White-crowned Sparrows were at Croton Point Park. The East Orange count [NYEO] tallied 72 species on 19 December and had a new high count of 31 Turkey Vultures along with a dozen Black Vultures. The count also recorded four Snow Geese, a Wood Duck, and 146 Wild Turkeys. An overnight storm forced a late start for the 20 December Rockland County Christmas Bird Count. The highlight of the count was a **BARNACLE GOOSE** reported by Drew Ciganek and Karl Knoecklein from Piermont Pier, Piermont NY. The goose was seen in the Hudson River from the end of the Pier and was swimming with a group of Canada Geese. A Great Egret was another good find, and over 9000 Common Grackles (mostly in Piermont) were recorded.

Monticello [NYMT], on a foggy 26 December, had 53 species including an Iceland Gull along with two Snow Geese, 10 Wood Duck, a Ruffed Grouse, and a Gray Catbird. The Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count [NYBW] found 117 species on 27 December. Highlights from Westchester included two Black Vultures in Ardsley and two Common Ravens, first heard and seen in Hastings-on-Hudson then in Yonkers. Northern Gannet and Surf and White-winged Scoters were off Rye and a Laughing Gull was found off Edgewater Point in Mamaroneck. A House Wren in Larchmont and a White-crowned Sparrow in Yonkers rounded off the highlights. Low numbers were seen for Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Hermit Thrush, Northern Mockingbird, and House Finch. The Pawling Count [NYHV] found 76 species on the first on the year. They added a new species to their count with a Vesper Sparrow found in the northeast part of Putnam County. The Putnam Count [NYPC] had 73 species on 2 January in high winds and some snow. Highlights were seven Wood Ducks, six Red-shoulder Hawks, Ring-neck Pheasant, Eastern Towhee, four Savannah Sparrows, and three Pine Siskins. A high count was tallied for Canada Geese, with many moving south. Other high counts were for Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, American Robin, and White-throated Sparrow.

Two leucistic Red-tailed hawks were found roosting together in Rosendale 19 December. The larger, piebald bird is the same individual observed in the area for 20 years and is now roosting this year with an apparent leucistic mate. The smaller second bird had a powdered red tail with a dark head and more flecks of black feathers on the back and shoulders. If they successfully pair up, it will be interesting to see if we have a local population of leucistic Red-tails in the future. Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle and Merlin made good showings. A Golden Eagle in the vicinity of Storm King Mountain on the Hudson was seen by many. Rosemarie Widmer reported that a pair of Bald Eagles were building a nest on the ice of frozen Lake Tappan on 24 February. The smaller male brought sticks to the female, and then together they redistributed material around the site.

An Eastern Phoebe in Milan in mid January was a surprising find. Another was at Kripplebush on 15 December. Pine Siskins were scarce this winter with a few scattered reports of one and two. There were no reports of other winter finches except for some Purple Finch.

Other notable species included Greater White-fronted Goose, Red-necked Grebe, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, and Glaucous Gull.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Point Park; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; RNC – Rye Nature Center; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Hudson River north of Saugerties Lighthouse 16 Jan (SC).
Snow Goose: 400 Yankee L 9 Dec; 100 Saugerties 12 Dec; sev hundred Poughkeepsie 17 Dec; CPP 19 Dec; Piermont 3 Jan.
Brant: 285 MC 20 Jan.
BARNACLE GOOSE: Piermont Pier 20 Dec.
Canada Goose: 6341 NYBW 27 Dec, Westchester only; 1400 Blue Chip Farm 16 Jan.
Wood Duck: 7 NYPC 2 Jan; 2 Vassar L 9 Feb; 5 Vassar L 20 Feb.
Gadwall: 173 NYBW 27 Dec, Westchester only; 120 Mamaroneck 26 Dec, 21 Jan.
Am. Wigeon: 4 NYML 19 Dec; 51 Mamaroneck 21 Jan.
N. Pintail: 8 Pine Plains 10 Dec; Bashakill 24 Jan; few CPP 31 Jan; Thiells; 1m Pine Plains 5, 19, 28 Feb; 4 Feb Saugerties 22 Feb.
Redhead: CPP 31 Jan.
Ring-necked Duck: 125 Sylvan L 27 Dec.
Greater Scaup: max 4000 EGR 5 Dec.
Lesser Scaup: max 1200 EGR 5 Dec.
Surf Scoter: 100 Rye 28 Dec; f Delaware River, Callicoon, 3 Jan (RD MGo JH); max 425 EGR 19 Jan.
White-winged Scoter: 30 Rye 28 Dec; max 635 EGR 19 Jan.
Black Scoter: Chelsea 8 Dec (RJ); 2 Rye 28 Dec; max 200 EGR 19 Jan.
Long-tailed Duck: max 1570 EGR19 Jan.
Bufflehead: max 73 EGr 19 Jan.
Com. Goldeneye: max 40 EGR 8 Jan.
Com. Merganser: 300 L Superior 12.
Red-breasted Merganser: 2 Stanford 3 Dec; Rosendale, NYML 19 Dec (E&BR); 36 Milton Harbor 20 Jan.
Ring-necked Pheasant: 6 Town of Washington 4,10 Dec; 9 Town of Washington 15 Dec; Mongaup Res 23 Dec; Wurtsboro 1 Jan; NYPC 2 Jan; Galeville 13 Feb; Saugerties 23 Feb.
Ruffed Grouse: Lemon Brook Bethel 5 Dec; Rio Res 26 Dec; Liv Manor 24 Jan.
Wild Turkey: 50 Woodbourne 27 Jan; 50 Liv Manor 13 Jan.
Red-throated Loon: max 18 Rye 27 Dec.
Com. Loon: max 4 EGR 27 Dec, 13 Feb.
Horned Grebe: none in Dec; max 10 EGR 5 Feb.
Red-necked Grebe: EGR 27 Jan.
N. Gannet: 2 Rye 5, 18, 27 Dec.
Double-crested Cormorant: 55 EGR 12 Dec.
Great Cormorant: 46 NYPE 19 Dec; 10 Rye 27 Dec.
Great Blue Heron: sev nests S of James Baird SP 22Feb.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: West Nyack 16-29 Jan.
Great Egret: NYRC 20 Dec.
Black Vulture: 8 NYML 19 Dec; 10 Stanfordville 23 Dec; 2 Ardsley NYBW 27 Dec; Pruyn Audubon Sanctuary, Chappaqua 31 Jan; 8 SGNWR 19 Feb; 4 Bear Mt, 21 Feb.
Turkey Vulture: 4 NYML 19 Dec; 7 Bear Mt 21 Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 13 Stony Point Battlefield 10 Jan.
N. Harrier: 5 Thompson Pd 10 Jan; 5 Mashomack 11Jan; 30 SGNWR 4 Feb; 20 SGNWR 19 Feb.
N. Goshawk: Cooley Rd bog 17 Jan.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 6 NYPC 2 Jan.
Red-tailed Hawk: 2 leucistic type Rosendale 19 Dec.
Rough-legged Hawk: Beechwoods 6, 10 Dec; Mabbettsville 20 Dec; White Sulfur Springs 10 Jan; 4 SGNWR 4 Dec, 28 Feb; 9 in sev SULL locations 17-30 Jan.
Golden Eagle: Storm King Mt 12-23 Dec, 16, 23 Jan; Pine Plains 23 Dec; imm Stissing/Mashomack area 11, 20, 27 Jan; Pawling 11, 22 Jan; Saugerties 26 Jan; ad Harriman SP 7 Feb; imm Tomkins Cove 9 Feb; Shunpike 27 Feb.
Am. Kestrel: Stony Kill 13 Jan; Wurtsboro 13 Jan; Saugerties 16 Jan, 23 Feb; Millerton 22 Jan; Mashomack 30 Jan; Taconic Pkwy/Rt 82 31 Jan; LaGrange 22 Feb.

Merlin: Kingston 13 Dec - 22 Feb (MD); Piermont 3 Jan; Gardiner 9 Jan; LaGrange 24 Jan (CV); Millbrook 3 Feb (JA).
Peregrine Falcon: Kripplebush, NYML 19 Dec.
Clapper Rail: MC 27 Dec.
Virginia Rail: 4 MC 27 Dec.
Killdeer: 3 EGR 1, 5 Jan; Kripplebush 28 Feb.
Ruddy Turnstone: 6 EGR 14 Jan.
Purple Sandpiper: 46 Rye 27 Dec.
Bonaparte's Gull: 20 Rye 27 Dec.
Laughing Gull: Edgewater Point, Mamaroneck NYBW 27 Dec.
Iceland Gull: Monticello 11, 26 Dec; 2 Monticello 17 Dec; Town of North East 22 Dec, 27 Jan; 3 im Newburgh 5 Jan; 1 ad Newburgh 6 Jan.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Malden SP 16 Jan (SC).
Glaucous Gull: Monticello landfill 5, 6 Dec; Newburgh 5 Jan.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: 2 EGR 5, 6 Jan, 17 Feb.
Short-eared Owl: arr SGNWR 4 Dec; 5 SGNWR 10 Jan; 6 SGNWR 16 Jan; 10 SGNWR 23 Jan; 4 Feb; 4 SGNWR 19 Feb; 11 SGNWR 21 Feb; 7 SGNWR 28 Feb.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 103 NYPE 19 Dec; 144 NYBW 27 Dec, Westchester only, 204 for the entire count; 104 NYPC 2 Jan.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 35 NYPE 19 Dec.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Rockefeller SP 9 Dec- 31 Jan; Locust Grove 6, 13 Jan; Wallkill 9, 10 Jan; CPP 31 Jan, 2 Feb-28 Feb.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

E. Phoebe: Kripplebush 15 Dec(DaN); Milan 16 Jan (DGe).
Fish Crow: wintered commonly along the L I Sound communities in WEST; arr inland 1 Feb.
Com. Raven: 2 Hastings-on-Hudson, NYBW 27 Dec; scattered but regular elsewhere.
Horned Lark: 75 Pleasant Valley 18 Dec; 1 EGR 18 Dec; 17 Woodbourne Rose Rd 4 Jan; 2 EGR 14 Jan; 3 Kripplebus 28 Feb.
HouseWren: Larchmont, NYBW 27 Dec.
E. Bluebird: 20 Westbrookville 17 Jan.
Am. Robin: 589 NYPE 19 Dec; 940 NYBW 27 Dec, Westchester only; 1210 NYPC 2 Jan.
Gray Catbird: Pleasant Valley 13 Dec; Lakeside Park, Pawling 27 Jan; LaGrange 15 Feb.
Am. Pipit: 2 Rye 4 Dec; 2 Lomontville, NYML 19 Dec; EGR 5, 11, 19 Jan.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: found only on the Rockland (NYRC) and Dutchess County (NYDC) counts.
Orange-crowned Warbler: CPP 7 Jan- 28 Feb (RyM, mob).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: NYPC 2 Jan; LaGrange 15 Feb.
Vesper Sparrow: Pleasant Valley 27 Dec (CV); 1 Pawling CBC 1 Jan.
Savannah Sparrow: 4 NYPC 2 Jan.
White-crowned Sparrow: NYML 19 Dec; 4 CPP 19 Dec; Yonkers, NYBW 27 Dec; 5 Gardiner 9 Jan; 4 Northeast 10 Jan; 10 Millerton 22 Jan; CPP 31 Jan; 8 Millerton 10 Feb.
Lapland Longspur: 2 Town of Northeast 24 Dec (DF).
Snow Bunting: 13 Milan 13 Dec; 50 Woodbourne 6, 24 Jan; 30 Thompsonville 6 Jan; 13 Kripplebush 28 Feb.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Mabbettsville 25 Dec (AP).
E. Meadowlark: 3 Clinton Corners 10 Jan; 2 Mabbettsville 17 Jan; SGNWR 4 Feb.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: Kitchawan Preserve 2 Jan; imm male Pruyn Audubon Sanctuary, Chappaqua 11-13, 15, 18,24-25, 28, 30 Jan 5, 6, 10, 25 Feb (TBa, RK, AS,DP), *intro.*
Rusty Blackbird: Piermont mid Feb.
Com. Grackle: 600 Rye 18 Jan.
Purple Finch: MC 1 Jan.
Pine Siskin: 2 Bashakill 7 Dec FOS; 3 Fahnestock SP, NYPC 2 Jan; 2 Greenfield Park 5 Jan; 1 Roscoe early Jan; New Paltz 24 Jan.

EXOTICS

Mandarin Duck: Tappan 14 Feb.

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REGION 10—MARINE

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The winter season in Region 10 featured long periods of snow cover, difficult birding conditions, reduced numbers of many species of normal winterers, the continued decline of several species of ducks and grassland birds, and a good number of rarities, many of which were very cooperative.

All three months during the period averaged colder than normal, with January negligibly so. The average *maximum* temperature was significantly lower than normal in all three months, meaning that there were relatively few warm days this winter. While January was marginally drier than normal, precipitation in December and February was about double the long-term average; Islip recorded 8.91" in December alone! Average wind speeds were greater than 10 mph in all three months. Precipitation, wind, and lack of warmth resulted in difficult birding conditions on a majority of days. This was particularly true during the Christmas Count period.

After a mild fall, the cold came fast and fierce. Whereas all water was open on 1 December, Doug Futuyma reported that 98% of the fresh water was frozen by 12 December. And then came the snow cover, which was an almost permanent feature of the season. The storm of 19 December blanketed the Region in a deep snow, particularly the eastern half of Long Island, where more than two feet fell. Thereafter, storms seemed to arrive on a weekly basis including two particularly severe storms, on 26 December and 25 January. By mid February snow depth reached nearly a foot in some areas.

Thus, this winter, like last winter, bucked the warming trend that's become familiar over the last two decades. The general trend toward milder winters has been accompanied by northward shifts in winter distribution for many species (cf. Audubon's analysis of CBC data in *Birds and climate change: Ecological disruption in motion*, 2009), so it was very interesting to monitor the prospects of marginal or pioneering winter residents through this season's bouts of harsh weather. For example, the wicked cold front of 7-9 December not only caused a late movement of Snow Geese, but also seemed to squeeze lingering migrants from the interior to the coast, like water from a sponge. No fewer than five Ovenbirds were discovered that week, as were several Orange-crowned Warblers and Baltimore Orioles. Regular half-hardies such as Gray Catbirds, Hermit Thrushes, and kinglets were likely affected in a similar manner, but short-term changes in their numbers are difficult to track systematically.

The massive snowstorm that passed through the area on 19-20 December produced another mass movement. Christmas bird counters in Manhattan noted Great Blue Herons, Turkey Vultures, Canada Geese, American Robins, and

Common Grackles moving south along the Hudson River on 20 December. By early January, the combination of continued cold and regular storms not only pushed out species that winter farther south, but also brought in Greater White-fronted Geese, Tundra Swans, Rough-legged Hawks, and Glaucous Gulls—species that often arrive earlier but which had been largely absent during November and December.

One-hundred ninety-seven species were found in Region 10 during the period. The list of species *not* recorded includes many that have been regular in the Region in the last 20 years, such as: Blue-winged Teal, Tufted Duck, Eared Grebe, Lesser Yellowlegs, Little Gull, Western Kingbird, Northern Shrike, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Nelson's Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Dickcissel, both Crossbills, and Common Redpoll. Also on the negative side of the ledger were a number of species believed to be declining as winterers in the Region, notably freshwater ducks such as Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, and Ruddy Duck. Also mired in downward trends were Northern Bobwhite (one report), American Kestrel (about 14 reports), and Short-eared Owl (three reports). The case of American Kestrel is particularly perplexing as it has abandoned even pristine and apparently unchanged areas, such as Napeague, where it formerly bred and occurred year-round. Other species present in lower than usual numbers this winter included Horned Grebe, American Bittern, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Towhee, American Tree Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Snow Bunting, Purple Finch, and American Goldfinch.

On the other hand, there were a good number of species that appeared in larger numbers than normal, many of these continuing recent upward trends. In contrast to the waterfowl listed above, Cackling Goose, Common Eider, and Hooded Merganser all continued to increase. Whereas Cackling Goose was poorly documented in Region 10 before a decade ago, a new maximum of eight was recorded near Hook Pond in January, and others occurred westward through Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, and Richmond Counties. Although Common Eider numbers were lower at Montauk Point than in some recent years, the species appeared in exceptional numbers farther west, at sites such as Fire Island and Jones Inlets, where it is usually scarce. Numbers of Ring-necked Duck were good, but not increased over some exceptional counts from recent winters.

Wintering hawks continued to increase in the Region. No fewer than 26 Bald Eagles, including several adults, were found throughout the Region. Even more impressive from a Regional standpoint were 19 reports of Red-shouldered Hawk, ranging from Staten Island to Montauk—surely a modern-day record for Region 10. Cooper's Hawk and Peregrine Falcon continue their meteoric ascents, much to the distress of feeder watchers and shorebirders, respectively.

Turkey Vultures made another good showing. The single December record was of birds moving south in response to the snowstorm of 19 December, but the rest occurred from 26 January onwards, suggestive of northbound migration.

More surprising was that reports of **Black Vultures** nearly equaled those of Turkey Vultures. Although the lone individual seen over the Hudson River in December was moving south, the vast majority of records occurred from the last week of January onwards, including a pair that appeared at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, in late January, and remained (probably the same pair that nested there last season). Again, these observations are suggestive of northbound migration. Like the vultures, **Common Ravens** appear to be in the process of becoming a regular species in the Region and were reported from Richmond, Queens, Bronx, and Nassau Counties.

The **Pink-footed Goose** found at Sunken Meadow State Park on 3 November continued through 25 December, although it was often difficult to find. After a fall without any reports, Greater White-fronted Goose arrived in mid-December, including groups of seven at Belmont Lake and six at Hook Pond. A **Barnacle Goose** found by John Sep and Paul Gillen at Marratooka Lake in Mattituck on 19 December was a one-day wonder. **Trumpeter Swans** returned to Upper Lake in Yaphank by mid-January and remained through the period. Although these birds are not yet countable in New York, I encourage birders to report them. Five Eurasian Wigeons were found in the Region, one of which was taken by a hunter. Pat Lindsay and Shai Mitra found the season's only "**Eurasian" Green-winged Teal** in Baldwin, and three Barrow's Goldeneyes were recorded.

Shane Blodgett, with strong assists from Rob Jett and Heydi Lopes, proved once again the value of diligent coverage of one's own patch, and Brooklyn became a birding destination for birders throughout the tri-state area as a result. First, Shane found a **Mew Gull** of the European race *L. c. canus* in Gravesend Bay on 26 December. The bird was relatively cooperative and stayed through the period. Next, Heydi discovered an out-of-season **Brown Pelican** in Marine Park on 8 January and managed to get a few photos before it disappeared. Then, on 18 January, Shane found a **Western Grebe** off Coney Island. The bird remained through the period but was not found every day and ranged widely. Rob and Heydi's finale was a **Thick-billed Murre** at Coney Island on 19 January during an unsuccessful search for the Western Grebe.

The alcid season was highly successful, and all six of the east coast species were recorded. Two storms wrecked **Dovekies,** mostly along the south shore of Long Island. The storm of 26 December stranded four individuals, whereas that of 25 January stranded some 20 individuals, one as far west as Staten Island. One found by Ken Thompson at Great River stayed for five days and provided hundreds of birders with great views and a great photo-op.

Scarce through December, Razorbills made a spectacular appearance on 16 January, when several observers counted 1200 individuals at Montauk Point, a record number for New York. This record was quickly eclipsed on 24 January, when 4000 were tallied at Montauk Point. Tom Burke and Angus Wilson did most of the counting that day, with Wilson tallying 1344 individuals in one 20-minute period. Subsequent counts never came close to matching these totals, and

it remains a mystery what happened to all of these Razorbills. Of interest is R.R. Veit's report that thousands of individuals wintering off Cape Cod and Nantucket disappeared just prior to these huge counts. A pelagic trip that went 18 miles south of Jones Inlet on 17 January produced 202 Razorbills, 33 **Common Murres,** and 2 **Atlantic Puffins.**

Without question the outstanding bird of the season was the first New York record for the **arctic race of Black Guillemot (*Cepphus grylle mandtii*),** discovered by Jay Kuhlman and Rich Sautkulis on 19 December at Sebonac Inlet in Southampton. Carl Starace spread the news and the bird was seen and photographed by hundreds of birders through 1 January. Shai Mitra, upon seeing the photographs, was the first to point out that it belonged to one of the geographically isolated subspecies that breed in the high arctic. All previous NY records are believed to pertain to the subspecies that nests from Maine to maritime Canada.

Staten Island birders had some nice finds this season. The cooperative **Rufous Hummingbird** on Grymes Hill remained through 24 December. In early December Clove Lakes Park produced an impressive collection of wintering species. On 20 December Catherine Barron found a Red-headed Woodpecker that stayed through the period. On **2 December** she found a **Summer Tanager**, just the fifth winter record for New York and suspected by some as pertaining to the south-western subspecies (*Piranga rubra cooperi*). Remarkably, this bird remained until **7 February** feeding on bees.

Good numbers of lingering Passerines were found during the period, mostly in December. Ken Fuestel found a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** at Zach's Bay on **6 December**. He got the word out quickly and it was seen and photographed by several other birders. The **Ash-throated Flycatcher** found in South Ozone Park on 22 November remained until 18 December. Two Blue-headed Vireos were found in the first week of December. No fewer than 10 species of wood warblers were found. Steve Nanz found two Orange-crowned Warblers, a Black-throated Green Warbler, and a Wilson's Warbler on 19 December in Brooklyn. An American Redstart was in Central Park on 8-9 December, and another Black-throated Green Warbler was found on 20 December in Riverside Park. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was in Central Park from 29 November to 6 December.

American Pipits were widely scattered in the Region, with some very nice high counts, and American Robins were recorded in large numbers at many sites. Some fairly high counts of Rusty Blackbird were noted at Oakland Lake and Shu Swamp. Winter finches were nearly non-existent, with a few reports of Purple Finch and two reports of Pine Siskin.

Three interesting hybrids were found. First, three Snow Goose x Canada Goose hybrids were noted at the Roanoke Landing on 3 January by Shai Mitra. On 22 January, Rob Jett found a Northern Shoveler x Blue-winged Teal hybrid at Prospect Park. Nelson's Gulls, Herring Gull x Glaucous Gull, were found at Montauk and Old Field. In addition, an apparently hybrid—but definitely escaped—falcon spent much of the period at Brookhaven National Lab in Ridge.

Resembling a Gyrfalcon, it was a stark reminder that reports of that species need to be thoroughly documented and treated with considerable skepticism.

Data from all the Christmas Bird Counts except Manhattan, for which I did not receive the data, are incorporated into this report. Sightings without sufficient documentation or physical evidence, when such was warranted, have been omitted so as not to introduce them into the Region's official archive of bird records. Since I last wrote a Regional report some 30 years ago, the amount of available data has skyrocketed. Of the 90 days in the period, I received observations collected on more than 80 of those days, and the document in which I collected records grew to 187 pages! As a result, I am truly indebted to the sub-regional compilers and the people who sent end-of-season summaries, which were incredibly useful. They are duly noted below. Please send summer 2010 reports to Patricia Lindsay and Shai Mitra.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMA – Amagansett, SUFF; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BBG – Brooklyn Botanic Garden; BLSP – Belmont Lake SP, SUFF; BP – Bryant P, NEWY; Calv – Calverton Grasslands SUFF; CB – Cedar Beach SUFF; CLP – Clove Lakes P, RICH; CP – Central P NEWY; CI – Coney Island KING; CRSP – Connetquot River SP, SUFF; DPMK – Ditch Plains, Montauk SUFF; EP – Eastport Pd, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field KING; FP – Forest P, QUEE; FKP – Fresh Kills P, RICH; GEO – Georgica Pd, SUFF; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; HLSP – Hempstead L SP; HP – Hook Pd, Easthampton SUFF; IPNV – Iron Pier Northville, SUFF; JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge QUEE-KING; Mara – Marratooka Lake, Mattituck SUFF; MPQP – Massapequa Preserve; MP – Montauk Point SUFF; MLUA – Mount Loretto Unique Area, Nap – Napeague; RICH; NYBG – New York Botanical Gardens BRON; NV – Northville SUFF; OBSP – Orient Beach SP; PBP – Pelham Bay P BRON; POJB – Pelagic trip off Jones Beach; PFA – Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay NASS; PL – Point Lookout NASS; PP – Prospect P KING;

RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Bay & Inlet; SMCP – Smith Point Co P SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP SUFF; VSWP – Van Siclien Wastewater Plant KING; WEJB – West End Jones Beach NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH; ZB – Zach's Bay, Jones Beach NASS. For other locations mentioned more than once below, the county is given in the first citation but not thereafter. Christmas Bird Counts are referred to by their standard abbreviations, as presented elsewhere in this issue.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: SMSP thru 25 Dec.
Greater White-fronted Goose: none in fall, arr mid-late Dec; ad Wainscot, SUFF 12 Dec (ACW); 6 BLSP 25 Dec- (K&SF) to 7 on 1-10 Jan (SA), 1 remaining 24 Jan; 2 ad HP 9 Jan (ACW), 4 imm & 1 ad on 10 Jan (K&BR), 4 imm thru; Brady's Pd RICH 15 Jan (SIW, JS); 1 HLSP 24 Jan (BB); PFA 26 Jan (Rich Kelly).
Snow Goose: migrants: 120 RICH 9 Dec (AP); 50 FP 9 Dec (JML); 50 CP 12 Dec (TF); 400 JBWR 12 Dec (DF); 145 PPk 17 Dec (PD, RJ); 270 PPK 22 Dec (PD); wintering max 1535 JBWR 19 Dec (NYBR); 3500 JBWR 31 Jan (PD, M. Eyster).
Brant: 32,847 NYSN 2 Jan.
BARNACLE GOOSE: 1 Mara, Mattituck, SUFF 19 Dec (PG, JSp).
Cackling Goose: SMSP thru 25 Dec; 2 Deep Hollow, Montauk SUFF 4 Dec (1 on 5 Dec) (VB); 1 Flushing Meadows Pk, QUEE 5-6 Dec (SA); 2 MLUA thru 9 Dec, one thru 19 Dec; BLSP 13 Dec-9 Feb (KF); Short's Pd, Bridgehampton, SUFF 18 Dec (ES, MH); Baldwin NASS 2 Jan (SM, PL); 7 HP 9-23 Jan (ACW, HM), 8 HP 16 Jan (SM, PL).
Trumpeter Swan: Upper Lake, Yaphank SUFF 15 Jan thru, possibly present least a month prior.
Tundra Swan: 4 WEJB 14 Dec (K&SF); 1 MLUA 19-22 Dec (found dead) (SA, SIW); 4 South Manor SUFF 16-18 Dec (CS); 2 MPQP 25 Dec-22 Feb (RJK); CRSP 24 Dec-24 Jan (KF); 3 Cutchogue SUFF 28 Dec (JBS); 6 Sagaponack SUFF 5 Jan (HM), max 10 on 16 Jan (K&BRu, VB) w 4 thru; Great River SUFF 28 Jan (J. Pietrzak).
Wood Duck: max 25 BLSP 1 Jan (SM, PL, JQ); 27 Cedar Beach Southold SUFF 20 Jan (JBS).
Gadwall: 561 NYSM 27 Dec; 200 Swan Pd Patchogue SUFF 5 Jan (RJK).
Eurasian Wigeon: Shinn Reservation Southampton, SUFF 22 Dec (A. Phillips); 2 Setauket Harbor SUFF 23-30 Dec (Peter Scully); Santapogue Creek, West Babylon SUFF 3 Jan-21 Feb (R. Grover, Nick Laviola); Tottenville RICH 8-31 Jan (SIW, DK *et al.*).
Am. Wigeon: 1013 NYSM 27 Dec, mostly in Setauket Harbor.
Am. Black Duck: 5709 NYSN 2 Jan.
N. Shoveler: max: 514 PPk 23 Dec (RJ); 475 PPk 24 Dec (PD).
N. Pintail: max 23 JBWR 20 Feb (SA), scarce.
"EURASIAN" GREEN-WINGED TEAL (R10): Milburn Pd, Baldwin 2-6 Jan (PL, SM).
Canvasback: max CBCs: 76 NYCC; 46 Mara 9 Jan (JSp); 46 Little Neck Bay QUEE 10 Jan (Eric Miller); 147 Tung Ting Pd Centerport SUFF 19 Jan (BBk); 79 EP 24 Jan (SM, PL); very low numbers.
Redhead: 12 Lake Capri NASS 13 Dec (KF); 65 on 10 Jan (JG); max 91 on 18 Jan (PL, SM).
Ring-necked Duck: 334 NYSM 27 Dec.
Greater Scaup: 35,000 Dead Horse Bay KING 17 Jan (PD); 20,000 Glen Cove 23 Jan (BBk); generally scarce.
Lesser Scaup: max 272 EP 24 Jan (SM, PL); low numbers.
King Eider: ad m MP 4 Dec-24 Jan (VB); max 4 ad m 17 Jan (HM); f 26 Jan (K&SF); ad m DPMK 10-24 Jan (ACW), f 16 Jan (SM, PL); imm m NV 24 Jan (SM, JSp).
Com. Eider: in many unusual places (Fireplace, Old Field Point, Southold) sev large groups along south shore; 110 WEJB 2 Dec (KF); max 896 Shinn 30 Dec (DG), large raft thru; 254 Jones Beach 2 Jan (mob); 200 Moriches Inlet SUFF 16 Jan (Jay Kuhlman); 35 BPT 17 Jan (PD *et al.*); max 920 NYMK, low.
Harlequin Duck: 2 PL thru Dec; max 6 PL 1 Jan thru (SA); imm m Lake Montauk 4 Dec-17 Jan (mob); m Goldsmith Inlet, Peconic SUFF 30 Dec-13 Jan (JSp); East Marion SUFF 2 Jan (BA); 2 Long Beach NASS 2-23 Jan; 1 DPMK 10 Jan (DF); MP 16 Jan (K&SF *et al.*); 5 Shinn 11-21 Feb (BA).
Long-tailed Duck: 450 PL 1 Jan (SA); 1827 NYSN 2 Jan.
Barrow's Goldeneye: m Bayville, NASS 1 Jan-thru (Bobby Rossetti); m East Marion 2-28 Jan (Steve Biasetti); JBWR 18 Jan thru (Rob Bate).
Hooded Merganser: 963 NYSN 2 Jan; 749 NYCA 3 Jan.

Com. Merganser: 123 NYSM 27 Dec; 102 CRSP 1 Jan (K&SF); 107 Bayard Cutting Arb Suff 12 Jan (SM, PL).
Red-br. Merganser: 1934 NYBR 19 Dec.
Ruddy Duck: 100 PPk 2 Dec (RJ); 150 CP Dec 19 (PP); generally scarce.
N. Bobwhite: 10 Southold 31 Dec (C. Coakley), only report.
Ring-necked Pheasant: NYSI, NYBR, NYQU, & NYSN, surprising.
Wild Turkey: max 122 NYSI 19 Dec.
Red-throated Loon: 300 MP 5 Dec; 686 NYMK 19 Dec.
Red-necked Grebe: 1 JBWR thru 5 Dec; 1 Fort Pd Bay, Montauk 5 Dec-24 Jan (SM, PL); NYSN 2 Jan; MP 17 Jan (HM); DPMK 17 Jan (HM); BPT 17 Jan (fide PD); SMCP 23 Jan (CS, Dick Belanger); 2 Culloden Pt, Montauk 24 Jan (SM, PL); Marine P KING 20 Feb (SB, HL, RJ).
WESTERN GREBE: Coney Is. KING 18 Jan-20 Feb (SB); Riis Pk 28 Feb.
N. Gannet: 800 MP 5 Dec; 1920 NYMK 19 Dec.
Brown Pelican: Marine Pk, KING 8 Jan (HL).
Double-crested Cormorant: 240 NYBR 19 Dec; 178 NYSN 2 Jan.
Am. Bittern: NYBR 19 Dec; 3 NYSN 2 Jan; Tobay NASS 21 Jan; Shinn 10 Jan-15 Feb.
Great Egret: Shelter Island, SUFF 12 Dec (NH); 1 WEJB 14 Dec (K&SF); 4 NYNN 19 Dec; HLSP 10 Jan (AB); Wm Floyd Estate Mastic SUFF 23 Jan (MLL); Nap 20 Feb (CS).
Snowy Egret: SMSP 13-27 Dec (VP).
Tricolored Heron: Loop Parkway NASS 2 Jan (B. Broughton).
Cattle Egret: Mecox Bay, SUFF thru 2 Dec; SMSP 2 Dec (JL).
Green Heron: Southampton 19 Dec (S & J Benson); NYNN 19 Dec.
Black Vulture: Riverside Pk, NEWY 12 Dec (J. Nulle); 2 Sag Harbor SUFF 12 Jan (HM); 2 High Rock P, RICH 26 Jan (D Erb); 6 FKP 26 Jan (R. Matarazzo); 2 Verrazano Bridge (Ft Wadsworth), RICH 31 Jan thru (DF); PPK Feb 8 (DG); Montauk 20 Feb (M Wolffsohn, CS).
Turkey Vulture: 10-20 NEWY 20 Dec (JD *et al.*); 2 NV 26 Jan (MLL); Mattituck 7 Feb (PG); 2 Ft Wadsworth 7 Feb (ACW); 1 Montauk 20 Feb (CS *et al.*); East Norwich NASS 21 Feb (BB); Aquebogue SUFF 22 Feb (PG); 1 Riverhead SUFF 27 Feb (BA, DB); RICH 27 Feb (MS).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr Greenport SUFF 22 Feb (JSp).
Bald Eagle: 26 reports, continuing in excellent numbers.
N. Goshawk: Bronx Zoo 27 Dec; Mattituck 7 Jan (JBS); imm PPK 12 Jan (PD).
Red-shouldered Hawk: FP 1 Dec-17 Feb (T. Kerr *et al.*); 2 NYBR 19 Dec; Riverhead 21 Dec (BA); ad GKP 25 Dec-10 Jan (JS, SIW); CP 25 Dec (DA *et al.*); 27 Dec Bronx; ad NV 28 Dec (MLL); Wantagh SUFF 4 Jan (PM); imm Ft. Wadsworth 10-15 Jan (SIW, CB); MPQP 12 Jan (PM); ad Tottenville 12 Jan (SIW); imm JBWR 20 Jan (DF); ad MLUA 23 Jan (DE, CB); ad Valley Stream SP NASS 24 Jan (BB); Great River 28 Jan (JP); RICH 15 Feb (JSt); ad Montauk 18 Feb (B. McGrath, R. Gostic); RICH 26-28 Feb (MS); imm Riverside P 28 Feb.
Rough-legged Hawk: NYBR 19 Dec; Pennsylvania Ave Landfill, KING 28 Dec; Orient Point SUFF 2 Jan; SMCP 6-24 Jan; Cal 9-11 Jan.
Am. Kestrel: missed on 6 of 12 CBCs, declining trend: Shinn GC 27 Dec (L. Ormand); 2 NV 30 Dec-15 Feb (MLL); Cal 11 Jan (K&SF); Eastport 23 Jan (RJK); JBWR 28-29 Jan; FBF 31 Jan (PD, M Eyster); WEJB 7 Feb (BB); Houston St NEWY 18 Feb (AL); Quogue SUFF 20 Feb (RK).
Merlin: more scarce than in recent winters.
Peregrine Falcon: increasingly common; found on 10 of the 12 CBCs.
Clapper Rail: ZB 18 Dec (PM); NYBR 19 Dec; Mt Sinai SUFF 27 Dec; 2 Shinn 10 Jan (SA, B Rossetti), 1 on 11 Jan.
Virginia Rail: 5/12 CBCs.
Semipalmated Plover: Mt Sinai 27 Dec.
Am. Oystercatcher: 32 WEJB 2 Dec, 7 on 14 Dec and 5 on 16 Jan.
Greater Yellowlegs: 6 NYBR 19 Dec; 3 NYSN 2 Jan; West Babylon 10 Jan (JG).
Willet: PL 9-23 Jan (J. Collins).
Red Knot: Nap 24 Jan (ACW, HM).
Purple Sandpiper: 9 Page Ave Beach, RICH 13Jan; 26 DPMK 10 Jan; 26 PL 17 Jan; 48 GEO Beach 16 Jan (K&BRu).
Dunlin: 1498 NYSN 2 Jan.
Long-billed Dowitcher: 1 Spring Creek, KING 2 Dec (SB); Lawrence NASS 2 Jan; MPQP 3 Jan (SS, JGi).
Wilson's Snipe: max 14 GEO 16 Jan (K&BRu).
Am. Woodcock: arr 2 CP 27 Feb.
Black-legged Kittiwake: 29 MP 28 Dec (ACW); 35 MP 10 Jan (DF); 40 MP 16 Jan (SM, PL *et al.*); max 300 MP 24 Jan (PL *et al.*); 73 POJB 17 Jan (ACW, PAG *et al.*); 49 AMA 13 Feb (ACW); 22 DPMK 14 Feb (ACW).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 450 DPMK 21 Feb (ACW);
Black-headed Gull: Owl's Head Wastewater Treatment Plant thru 19 Dec; ad Shinn 24 Dec-12 Feb (SW); ad MP 10 Jan (DF); ad DPMK 14-21 Feb (ACW).
Laughing Gull: 5 PL 2 Dec (KF).
MEW GULL: Gravesend Bay, Bensonhurst KING 26 Dec thru (SB *et al.*).
Ring-billed Gull: 10282 NYBR 19 Dec; 2400 PPK 2 Feb (DG).
Iceland Gull: ca. 23 inds.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: ca. 20 inds.
Glaucous Gull: 3rd yr WPP 25 Dec (SIW, JS); Cedar Point, East Hampton 2 Jan (VB); ad 4 Jan Conf. House Pk, RICH (SIW, JS); Mattituck 6 Jan (John Brush, Sr.); imm Great Pd, Southold 13 Jan (JSp); 2nd yr MP 24 Jan (HM *et al.*); 1st yr Orient Pt 20 Feb.
"Nelson's" Gull: 1st yr Fort Pd, Montauk 19 Dec (SM); Lake Montauk 10 Jan (ACW); Old Field Pt, SUFF 27-30 Dec (P. Scully, Jr).
Black Skimmer: 4 imm CI 3 Dec (SB).
jaeger sp.: AMA 19 Dec (ACW).
Dovekie: storm of Dec 26 stranded 4: HHSP 27 Dec (ES *et al.*); two others brought to rehabbers, one from Westhampton; Shinn 28 Dec (SA); Shinn 16 Jan (BA *et al.*); storm of 25 Jan stranded about 20: Miller Field RICH 26 Jan (TB, J. Goulet); Great River 26-30 Jan (K. Thompson); New Suffolk 27 Jan, dead; plus 17 brought to rehabbers, mostly in Southampton and Riverhead; 3 AMA 13 Feb (ACW).
COMMON MURRE: 33 POJB 17 Jan (ACW, PAG *et al.*).
THICK-BILLED MURRE: CI 19 Jan (RJ, HL)
Razorbill: didn't arrive in numbers until January - only 12 inds seen on 5 CBCs; 1 Old Field Pt 27 Dec (DF); 25 MP 28 Dec (ACW), then 125 on 10 Jan (DF), 1200 on 16 Jan (SM, PL, K&SF *et al.*); 319 on 17 Jan (HM), 4000 on 24 Jan (TB, ACW *et al.*), 65 On 26 Jan (K&SF), 83 on 13 Feb (DF); 202 POJB 17 Jan (ACW, PAG *et al.*); 703 AMA Feb 13 (ACW); *intro.*
BLACK GUILLEMOT: arctic race C.g. *mandtii* Sebonac Inlet Southampton 19 Dec-1 Jan (J. Kuhlman, R. Sautkulis).
ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 2 POJB 17 Jan (ACW, PAG *et al.*).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: 27 NYBR 19 Dec; 22 Bronx 27 Dec; pair w nest Hudson River NEWY 20 Dec (R. Creshkoff); 20 NYQU 3 Jan; 4 PBP 10 Jan (M. Bochnik).
Barn Owl: JBWR 9 Jan (TWB, GB).
E. Screech-Owl: max 33 NYSM 27 Dec; 5 NYSN 2 Jan.
Great Horned Owl: CP 14-19 Dec; 2 South Shore GC, RICH 19 Dec (I. Robins); Willowbrook P, RICH 19 Dec (TB, RV); PBP 27 Dec- 27 Jan; Alley Pd P QUEE 10 Jan (TK); recorded on all NYC CBCs except NEWY, where count week.
Snowy Owl: SHIN 1 Jan (RRK *et al.*); BPT 17-18 Jan (P. Keim. M. Yuan *et al.*)
Long-eared Owl: ZB 18 Dec (PM); FBF 19 Dec (RJ *et al.*); PBP 27 Dec- 27 Jan, max 3 10 Jan (M. Bochnik); Peconic 20 Feb (K & G Homan)
Short-eared Owl: Riis P 19 Dec; 2 NYSM 27 Dec; Kissena P QUEE 22 Feb (E. Miller, JL).
N. Saw-whet Owl: NYBR 19 Dec; 6 banded PBP 27 Dec thru; max 2 PBP 10-21 Jan.
RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Grymes Hill, RICH thru 24 Dec.
Red-headed Woodpecker: imm CLP, RICH 20 Nov-thru (CB); imm Southold SUFF 2 Jan thru; Mashomack Pres, Shelter Is SUFF 5 Dec-26 Jan (MSc); imm Caumsett SP SUFF 4 Feb (K&SF).
PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): W 21st St, NEWY Jan 8, details requested.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 ZB 6 Dec (KF *et al.*).
E. Phoebe: last Mashomack Pres, Shelter Island 6 Jan (MSc).
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: South Ozone Park QUEE thru 18 Dec.
Blue-headed Vireo: PP 2 Dec (RJ, AW); 1 CB 6 Dec (KF).
Am. Crow: 833 NYSM 27 Dec.
Fish Crow: max 205 NYSM 27 Dec, mainly in strip malls along Rt 25.
COMMON RAVEN (R10): 2 Roslyn Harbor NASS mid December thru (PM, G. Quinn); Riverdale 27 Dec; BPT 17 Jan (Queens Bird Club); 2 Bronx Zoo 22 Jan (T. Olson); FP 27 Jan (K. Mirth); CLP 13 Feb (CB).
Horned Lark: max 100 Wading River SUFF 13 Feb (R. May).
Tree Swallow: 50 Gilgo 1 Dec (DK); 50 CB 15 Dec (R. Cartwright); last 12 CB 3 Jan.
Red-br. Nuthatch: 12/12 CBCs, but scarce.
Carolina Wren: 163 NYSM 27 Dec.
House Wren: 2 Quogue 19 Dec (MH, ES); NYCC 26 Dec; NYSN 2 Jan.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 16 NYNN 19 Dec; Bayard Cutting Arb 30 Jan (SM).
E. Bluebird: 7/12 CBCs, but generally scarce; max 10 GEO 18 Jan (J. Ross).
Am. Robin: 1925 NYNN 19 Dec; 1780 NYOR 2 Jan; 1456 NYCC 26 Dec; 640 Sag Harbor 15 Jan (HM); common after first big snowfall.
Am. Pipit: widespread reports of small numbers. max 30 MLUA 18 Dec; 14 MLUA 19 Dec (SIW); 17 NYSN 2 Jan; 29 NYCA 3 Jan; 70 Cal 31 Jan (SM, PL, JQ).
Cedar Waxwing: 247 NYNN 19 Dec.

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler: 2 P P 2 Dec (RJ); 1 WEJB 6 Dec (KF); CLP 8 Dec-1 Jan (TF); 1 HLSP 10 Dec (Steve Schellenger); CP 11-14 Dec (AL); FP 12 Dec (JML, A. Gilbert); FKP 19 Dec (RV, TB); VSWP 19 Dec (SN); Spring Creek 19 Dec (SN); Harlem River @ Dyckman St, NEWY 20 Dec (JK); Tobay 2 Jan (B. Shriber, M. Aitchison); NYQU 3 Jan; 1 PL 6 Jan (MH, ES); WPP 8 Jan (SIW, DK); Hendrix Creek KING 20 Feb (RJ, HL, SB).
Black-thr. Green Warbler: VSWP 19 Dec (SN); East Dyckman St, NEWY 20 Dec (JK).
Pine Warbler: WEJB 7 Dec-6 Jan (mob); 1 CLP 7 Dec-15 Feb (JSt); 2 CLP 16 Dec; FP 12 Dec-1 Jan (JML); CRSP 24 Dec-3 Jan (KF); 2 NYBG 27 Dec; NYSM 27 Dec; 5 Calverton SUFF 23 Jan (RRK); Quogue Wildlife Refuge SUFF 27 Feb (BM).
Palm Warbler: max & last 3 NYBR 19 Dec, scarce.
Am. Redstart: CP 8-9 Dec (TP).
Ovenbird: East 79th St NEWY 9-17 Dec (A. Shanahan); BP thru 14 Dec (BC); Rockville Center, NASS 5 Dec; PP 11-19 Dec (RJ); dead RICH 11 Dec (TB); west 100th St, NEWY 15 Dec-1 Jan (Mike Freeman); 84th & 3rd NEWY 21 Dec (J. Ross), perhaps same as at E 79th.
Com. Yellowthroat: imm m BP 9 Dec (BC); f BP 10 Dec (BC); 2 FKP 19 Dec (RV, TB).
Wilson's Warbler: VSWP 19 Dec (SN).
Yellow-breasted Chat: CLP 9 Dec (CB); AMA 19 Dec (ACW); dead NYBG 12 Jan (B. Conway fide A. Block); MP 26 Jan (K&SF).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: 200 NYSI 19 Dec; generally low.
Chipping Sparrow: found on 7/12 CBCs; 6 NYBR 19 Dec; numerous reports; last 2 AMA 10 Jan (K&BR).
Vesper Sparrow: 2 Southold 2 Jan (JSp).
"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow: max 6 NYSN 2 Jan.
Saltmarsh Sparrow: NYBR 19 Dec; 4 NYSN 2 Jan; 2 Shinn 12 Feb (DK, BM); 1 Shinn 15 Feb (KF).
Fox Sparrow: generally low numbers.
White-throated Sparrow: some observers reported low numbers.
White-crowned Sparrow: widely scattered in small numbers: 2 Laurel SUFF 10 Dec; 3-4 JBWE 5 Jan-5 Feb; 3 HP 5 Jan thru; 2 Cutchogue, 8 Jan; 6 GKP 13 Jan; 25 Cal 31 Jan (SM, PL); Mecox 13 Feb; Mattituck 16 Feb.
Lapland Longspur: 4 NYSI 19 Dec; 1 Jones Beach 4 Jan thru (JG, SS); max 3 Jones Beach 18 Feb (Lloyd Spitalnik); FBF 7-10 Jan (RJ); 2 FBF 28 Feb (SA).
Snow Bunting: 125 FKP 19 Dec (TB, RV).
Summer Tanager: 1 CLP **2 Dec-7 Feb** (CB *et al.* ph), possibly *P. r. cooperi*.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: CP **29 Nov-6 Dec** (B. Stifel, DA *et al.* ph).
Rusty Blackbird: widely scattered reports of small numbers; 30 Oakland Lake, QUEE 2 Dec (KH); 65 NYQU 3 Jan; 17 NYNN 19 Dec; 15 Shu Swamp, NASS 10 Jan (KF), to 60 there 24 Jan (RJK), and 10 there 19 Feb.
Com. Grackle: 6000 NV 31 Jan (SM, PL); 6547 Van Cortland P BRON 27 Dec.
Boat-tailed Grackle: 22 SMCP 1 Jan (CS, SS); 32 SMCP 6 Jan (CS), 15 SMCP 23 Jan; 14 WEJB 2 Jan (BB) part of 29 on NYSN.
Baltimore Oriole: 2f P P 2 Dec (RJ, AW); 3 CLP 4-12 Dec, 1 there thru 16 Dec (CB K&RA, AP); RMSP 12 Dec (DF); CB 18 Dec (K&SF); Springs SUFF 19 Dec; 3 NYBG 24 Dec (PD, Rob Bate), 4 NYBG 27 Dec; 1 East Hampton 25 Dec (D. Godfrey); 1 Baldwin 2 Jan (J. Stahl); Page Ave, RICH 12 Jan (JSt, SIW).
Purple Finch: a few reports of small numbers in Dec, none after early January; 2 Shelter Is. 2 Dec, 1 there 14-15 Dec (NH); 4 SMSP 13 Dec (VP); 12 NYNN 19 Dec; NYQW 19 Dec; 2 NYSM 27 Dec; 2 NYOR2 Jan.
Pine Siskin: 2 NYQW 19 Dec; 2 OBSP 2 Jan (CS)
Am. Goldfinch: generally low numbers.

EXOTICS

Mandarin Duck: 79th St Boat Basin, NEWY 30 Jan (fide JML).

Cape Shelduck: BLSP 1 Jan thru.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Regional rarities appear in BOLD; county names are shortened to their first four letters and appear in UPPER CASE letters; months are shortened to their first three letters. In species accounts: number of individuals omitted implies that one individual was reported; ! - details seen by Regional Editor; ad - adult; Alt - Alternate plumage; Am. - American; arr - arrival or first of season; BBS - Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS - bird of the season; CBC - Christmas Bird Count; CO - confirmed nesting; Com. - Common; E. - Eastern; FL - fledgling; FY - adult feeding young; I - Island; imm - immature; intro - see introduction to report; juv - juvenile; L - Lake; max - maximum; mob - multiple observers; N. - Northern; NYSDEC - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; NWR - National Wildlife Refuge; NYSARC - report to New York State Avian Records Committee; P - park; Pd - Pond; ph - photographed; Pt - Point; Res - Reservoir; Ri - River; SP - State Park; spm - specimen; subad - subadult; T - Town of; thru - throughout period; Twn - township; W. - Western; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; y - young.

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Regional boundaries coincide with county lines, except at:

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the boundary is Mud Creek to NY Route 64, NY Route 64 from Bristol Center to S. Bristol Springs, and Route 21 from S. Bristol Springs to the Yates County line.

Region 3-Region 5 in Cayuga County:
the boundary is NY Route 31.

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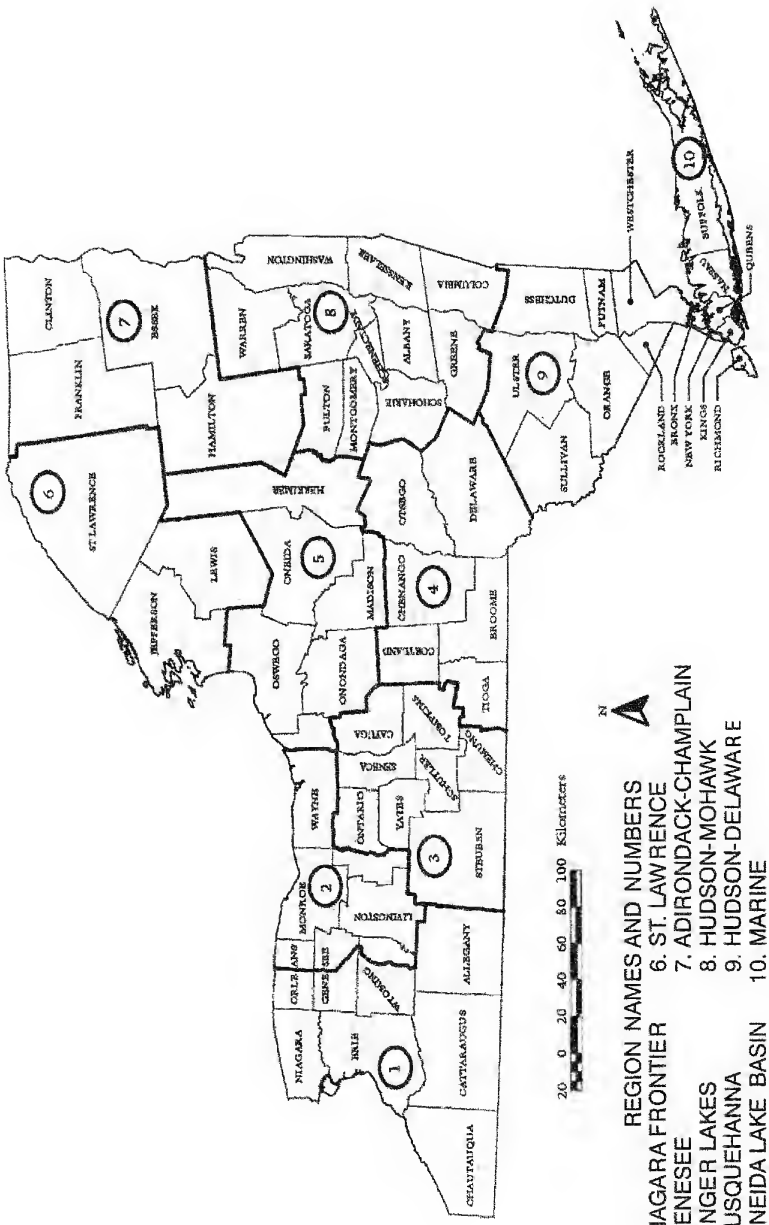
Deadline is 7 September
Fall Season: September, October, November
Deadline is 7 December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